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Yamani sees oil glut in mid-80's

PARIS, Dec. 28 (Agencies) — Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani has predicted that oil supplies would exceed demand in the mid-1980's provided Iranian output did not decline.

"There will undoubtedly be a surplus on the international market," he told reporters after a meeting with President Valery Giscard d'Estaing Thursday.

Yamani disclosed that France and Saudi Arabia had concluded a major oil contract for the next three years.

Yamani denied reports that his government had decided to raise its oil price by two dollars a barrel in February. "No decision has been taken," he said. "Oil price increases are determined by the oil market and the price of Saudi oil is below those prevailing on the international market."

He said he thought the last OPEC meeting which ended without a price increase, was a victory for the moderates, but that it would take time to make a final judgment.

The minister said his country would continue to produce 9.5 million barrels a day for the first three months of next year, but he would not forecast figures for later.

He had come to Paris to give Giscard d'Estaing "our views about the future, about the supply-demand picture and about what we expect from the consumers."

However, Indonesia Friday announced a two-dollar increase to \$27.50 per barrel in the basic export price of its oil.

The ministry of mines and energy statement said the increase, effective on Jan. 1, was in line with world market development.

The state-owned oil company Pertamina had fixed the price of its crude at \$25.50 per barrel on Dec. 1.

In Rotterdam, meanwhile the amount of Iranian oil handled by the Dutch port of Rotterdam, the world's biggest free market for oil, dropped this year by almost half, a spokesman for the harbor authority said Friday.

A total of 14.7 million tons of Iranian crude oil was shipped into Rotterdam in the 11 months to November, compared with 29.5 million tons for the whole of 1978, he added.

The decline was particularly large in the past few months. Only 730,000 tons of crude oil from Iran entered the port in November followed by 300,000 tons in the first two weeks of this month.



GISCARD MEETS YAMANI: French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing holds talks with Oil Minister Ahmed Zaki Yamani Thursday at the Elysee Palace in Paris.

Congressman collects data on alleged ex-Shah crimes

TEHRAN, Dec. 28 (R) — A U.S. congressman visiting Iran on a self-appointed mercy mission to help American hostages held in Tehran said Friday he was collecting evidence for a congressional hearing on the alleged crimes of the ex-Shah.

Representative George Hansen, an Idaho Republican, told a press conference he was

certain Congress would investigate American links with Iran over the last 30 years and the deposed Shah's financial ties with the United States.

"Every congressman I've spoken to or heard or read about supports investigations. The only question now is whether the investigations will begin before the hostages are released," he said.

Iranian students have held the Americans captive since they occupied the U.S. Embassy in Tehran on Nov. 4. They are demanding the Shah's extradition for trial here, but Hansen said he thought Iran would "settle for less than the actual physical return of the Shah."

The ousted monarch is now in Panama after having medical treatment in the U.S.

Hansen visited Iran last month, three weeks after the embassy siege began and was allowed to see some of the hostages. He would not say if he had been promised a similar visit this time.

Hansen said he was traveling on his own initiative and with his own funds. His first Iran visit was disowned by the White House and President Carter said such moves might endanger the hostages' lives.

"I think that there is a time for unorthodox action when you have unorthodox circumstances," the congressman said Friday, adding that more conventional American diplomats "are either locked up or locked out."

He would not say what contacts he was having with Iranian authorities, but denied that he had been invited to sit on an international panel to examine U.S. involvement in Iran which Foreign Minister Sadeq Oltabzadeh is trying to set up.

"I propose that Congress should look into these things for our own purposes, not to please any foreign government," Hansen said.

He added that he wanted to see evidence of alleged torture, prison conditions and repression under the ousted Shah.

IBM borrows \$300 million

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (AP) — International Business Machines Corp., the world's largest computer maker, says it is borrowing \$300 million from the Saudi Arabian government.

IBM said Thursday the funds would be used for construction of manufacturing facilities and to finance equipment it rents.

The American company said the Saudi government was considered "just another source of funds for a debt offering of this size at favorable terms."

Almost five years ago, Saudi Arabia loaned \$100 million to American Telephone and Telegraph Co.

The Saudi loan to IBM was the second major financing of the last three months for the computer maker, which sold \$1 billion in notes and bonds in a public offering last October.

IBM has long been considered one of the richest companies in the world, but this year it has developed a need for extra cash to finance development and production of a new generation of computers.

In addition, IBM's cash flow has been hurt by a trend toward renting, rather than buying, new computers. Prices have dropped on computers, and customers have feared being stuck with equipment worth less than they are paying for it.

Takeover of Aramco soon

Taher attacks oil firms for excess profits

By Younis Issac



Abdul Hadi Taher

JEDDAH, Dec. 28 — Petromin Governor Dr. Abdul Hadi Taher says the final takeover of Aramco will be completed soon and the company will be changed into the Saudi National Oil Company.

In an interview with *Asharq Al-Awsat*, he also attacked excess profits made by the oil majors from the relatively low price of Saudi Arabian crude. He said that the Kingdom would rather see lower prices for the consumer and reduced company profits.

Asked about the failure of the Caracas OPEC meeting to agree on a unified price structure, Taher said that the grave imbalance between demand and supply in the world had made it inevitable. He suggested, though, that after the winter demand and supply would move back into balance and spot prices fixed by the market as well as the high levels of prices demanded by some OPEC member states would naturally fall.

But he advised caution: "The best thing to do is to wait until the next OPEC meeting, when the situation will be clearer."

He said that France's oil entitlement to Saudi crude supplies has been renewed on the same terms. Originally agreed in 1974, the entitlement is 250,000 barrels a day, renewable every three years. The agreement would have expired at the end of December. He denied, however, reports from Copenhagen that Denmark had secured a government-to-government entitlement.

Taher also spoke of the possibility of setting up an Arab petroleum consulting firm within the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC). The issue

had been discussed at a recent OAPEC ministerial meeting in Kuwait.

He said it would be a great step forward for the Arabs in petroleum technology. It would provide technical expertise in exploration, production, refining and transport. But he expressed reservations about whether there

Syria recalls envoy to U.N.

DAMASCUS, Dec. 28 (R) — The Syrian government, apparently stung by the surprise defection of its ambassador to the United Nations, said he resigned after being recalled for supporting the peace pact between Egypt and Israel.

In a first reaction to the resignation Thursday of Hammond El-Choufi, an official government source said Thursday night he had been ordered home after adopting a stand contradictory to Syrian policy at the latest U.N. debate on the Middle East.

The source said Choufi had collaborated openly with Egypt's U.N. delegate and had come out in favor of the Camp David agreements on the Middle East which led to Egyptian-Israeli peace pact last March.

Syria has strongly opposed the peace moves that have also led to Egypt's isolation from most of the Arab world.

Choufi announced his resignation Thursday accusing the government of President Hafez Assad of corruption, repression and opportunism.

He told a news conference that he hoped to help form a new national front in an unidentified European country to defend the democratic aspirations of the Syrian people.

Syria's political leaders promised to stamp out corruption and overhaul the state machinery last September.

Simmering resentment against the dominance of the minority Muslim Alawite sect, to which President Assad belongs, has exploded into violence with 120 people reported killed the past six months.

The government has blamed the violence on the Muslim Brotherhood, an extremist

were sufficient qualified Arabs to be quickly enough to staff the company. Taher added that petroleum export from Yanbu will start in the middle of 1980, a crude pipeline across the Kingdom from oilfield center of Abqaiq will be completed in 17 months.

That line was originally planned to have an initial capacity of 1.85 million barrels to be increased to 2.75 million, but P. Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer said that the eventual throughput will be 10 million barrels a day. According to announcements, Saudi Arabia lifts 9 million barrels a day.

Taher also said that Petromin hopes to start commercial exploitation of gold and silver, and possibly phosphates. Dr. Taher said Petromin's third five-year plan had four main objectives. They were: increasing quantities of refined petroleum products; increasing the efficiency of transporting petroleum products throughout the country and the fourth to train personnel to man new facilities and industries.

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Soviet troops fighting in Kabul

Amin executed after putsch

ISLAMABAD, Dec. 28 (R) — Soviet troops took part in heavy fighting that accompanied a coup in which Afghanistan's President Hafizullah Amin was toppled and quickly executed, informed diplomatic sources said Friday.

Quoting reports from the Afghan capital of Kabul, the diplomats said Russians were seen manning tanks and armored personnel carriers during three hours of tank and artillery duelling that ended at midnight Thursday night.

The sources said sporadic automatic rifle fire continued throughout the night. Kabul Friday was packed with armored vehicles, particularly around the radio station and the Mikoroyan housing complex where hundreds of Russian civilian and military advisers live, the sources said.

Radio Kabul said Amin had been eliminated for ever, after summary trial by a revolutionary court. It announced a new revolutionary council headed by former Vice-President Babrak Karmal had taken power, with assurances of Soviet support, including military assistance.

The radio said president Amin headed a despotic, tyrannical regime that had been responsible for the deaths of a great number of innocent people.

The coup followed a massive airlift of Soviet combat troops into Kabul and the Bagram Air Base, 80 kms to the north.

Diplomatic sources in New Delhi said 5,000 Soviet soldiers were airlifted into Kabul in 48 hours.

The U.S. government, which earlier accused the Soviet Union of blatant interference in internal Afghan affairs, said there also has been a buildup of Russian forces along the Soviet-Afghan border.

Within hours of taking over the presidency, Karmal pledged he would see a political solution to the widespread Muslim rebellion that had threatened his predecessor and led Moscow to boost its military involvement.

Earlier this year, the Soviet Union through its embassy in Kabul, had been urging the government to seek a political solution to end a costly insurgency in which guerrilla forces have taken away the government's control of the country and pushed it back to strongholds in the capital and major towns.



AFGHAN COUP: File photo of former Deputy Prime Minister Babrak Karmal (left) who ousted President Hafizullah Amin (right) in a coup d'etat.



A spokesman for the right-wing religious group Hezbe Islami told Reuters the coup had brought no change to the government and said his forces would continue the struggle to establish an Islamic republic.

Other insurgent leaders were studying the new administration before commenting, spokesmen said.

Karmal announced a 14-man cabinet that included mainly members of the Parcham (Flag) wing of the People's Democratic Party, which had been ruled by Amin during his three-month presidency, and before when he was premier.

Like other Parcham leaders, Karmal had been sent abroad and later charged with high treason in his absence.

His government included officials from the pre-revolutionary administration of King Zahir Shah and President Daoud, as well as three popular military heroes who led the coup against Daoud and were purged in September by Amin.

The soldiers, Lt. Col. Muhammad Aslam Watanjar, Maj. Sherjan Mazrooria and Lt. Col. Sayeed Muhammad Gulbazoi, took refuge in the Soviet embassy after the coup in September.

Diplomats said Karmal appeared to have expanded the base of the government in order to win wider popular support and prepare the way for a political solution to the Muslim insurgency.

In Tehran an Afghan exile movement based in Iran said Friday it would fight on against the central government in Kabul despite the change of the regime.

The Bureau of the Islamic Movement of Afghanistan said in a communique telephoned to Reuters: "The Islamic movement considers the continuation of the Islamic struggle till final victory as an Islamic and national necessity and this is the belief of the Muslims of Afghanistan."

The movement said: "The overthrow of the treacherous Hafizullah Amin and the coming to power of the mercenary Babrak Karmal, a lackey of the Soviet Union through the direct intervention of foreign masters, makes the decisiveness of the Muslims of Afghanistan in taking back independence and national sovereignty more serious."

Volcano erupts

MANILA, Dec. 28 (AP) — The 1,552-meter Bulusan Volcano erupted Thursday, sending columns of steam and ashes to a height of 1,000 meters but causing no casualties, government volcanologists said Friday.

Seismic activity around the volcano in Sorsogon province some 238 kilometers south-east of Manila, continued Friday, indicating the volcano still is in an eruptive stage, said a bulletin from the commission on volcanology.

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After study on flight control

New Jeddah airport to start in year

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Dec. 28 — The opening of the new Jeddah International Airport is now planned for a year's time.

According to *Saudi Business* Saturday, Parsons Daniel, the construction manager on the airport site, has been told to plan for December 1980 as the time for initial operations to start.

Col. Said Yousef Amin, director of the International Airports Project, a division of the Ministry of Defense and Civil Aviation, says that "the exact opening date of NJIA (New Jeddah International Airport) can be set only after an in-depth evaluation using computer simulation is completed to determine the most efficient and

safe air traffic control procedures available to permit simultaneous operations at both NJIA and the existing airport.

"It is expected that the study will be completed by next spring. After the acceptance of the study, it will be necessary to train all air and ground personnel involved in the Jeddah terminal area."

Work on the project, 19 kilometers north of Jeddah, was originally divided into two phases. The first was to cover two runways, an aircraft refuelling system, north and south terminals, a TriStar maintenance hangar, an air cargo terminal, a food service building, navigation and communication systems, ground support equipment, a Royal Pavilion and the first phase of a desalina-

tion plant.

The second phase, to be carried out between 1980 and 1985, was to include a 747 hangar, a Royal Saudi Air Force base, the Pilgrimage Terminal, a Saudi maintenance building, special flight services and general facilities, a hospital and quarantine area, an administration building, the second phase of the desalination plant and an air mail building.

Amin says that "it should be recognized that the approaching completion of Phase 1 at NJIA does not mean that construction will be completed. On the contrary, construction will continue at NJIA for years to come as major facilities are developed, including the RSAF base, airline aircraft maintenance and general aircraft maintenance facilities."

The areas of work for which contracts have not so far been let are RSAF aircraft maintenance, general aviation, and administration and health care.

Everyone knows the superlatives for the airport: larger than Manhattan Island, it will be half as large again as John F. Kennedy, La Guardia, Newark, O'Hare and Los Angeles airports put together and equal to the combined areas

Turkish minister visits Medina

JEDDAH, Dec. 28 (SPA) — Turkish Finance Minister Ismet Siazkin Friday visited the Mosque of the Holy Prophet in Medina.

He was seen off at Jeddah airport by Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Dakheel, a representative of the Ministry of Finance and National Economy and members of the Turkish embassy staff.

of Montreal/Dorval, Toronto and Dallas Fort Worth.

The price is not negligible. The first estimate of total cost, submitted in the early 1960s by International Aeradio, was for a project costing \$ 20 million. Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan said recently that halfway through Skidmore, Owings and Merrill's master plan, adopted in 1974, \$ 4 billion had been committed to the project.

The main contractor on the airport is Hochtief of West Germany. Architects and consultants include Edward Durrell Stone, Lockheed Aircraft International and Yamasaki and Associates.

The two runways have been built to a length of 3,300 meters and 3,800 meters to give the aircraft enough room to get off the ground in weather that reduces the thrust of their engines. Trepel Airport Equipment of West Germany is to provide 20 mobile lounges that will allow 44 aircraft to park simultaneously and to leave assigned gates under their own power.

The figures are almost too much for comprehension: The Food Services Building is to produce 43,000 meals a week, and 72,000 box lunches a day during the Pilgrimage. The air cargo terminal will handle 150,000 tons of freight a year, with a storage capacity of 7,500 tons at an 11-day turnover rate. The 103,000 square meters of South Terminal will be faced with 6,500 tons of white Italian marble. The North Terminal can take 2,500 passengers an hour. The desalination plants will produce 10 million gallons of drinking water a day. In the Royal Pavilion, 750 telephones will be provided.

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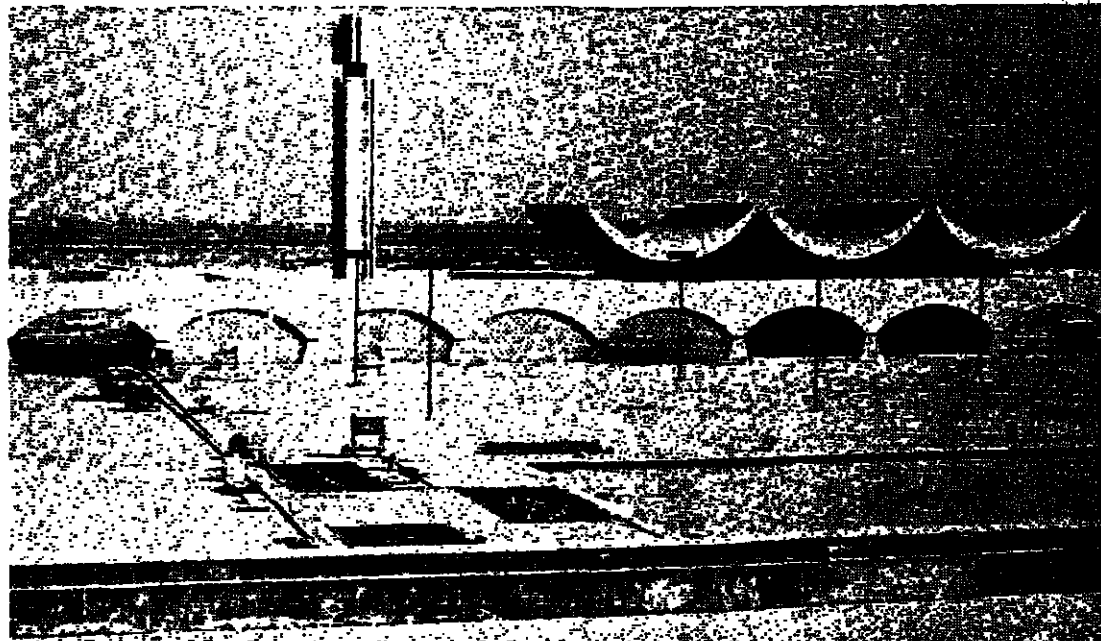
It will fine during the day and cool at night in most areas. It will be cold at night in the Northern Region. Medium cloud will hang over the central and northern regions, with possible scattered rain.

Winds will be moderate and southerly to south-easterly. They may be occasionally active in the northern and central regions, causing sand haze.

Seas will be moderate.

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MARBLE: The South Terminal of the new Jeddah Airport, where 6,500 tons of white Italian marble have been used for facing.

Education alone cost SR34m

Project aid to Yemen outlined

SANAA, Dec. 28 (SPA) — The Saudi Projects Bureau has so far financed 45 education projects in North Yemen at a total cost of SR34.6 million.

Abdul Aziz ibn Khamis, the bureau's director, said that the projects were in Sanaa, Taiz, Hodaidda, Ebb, Baida, Saada, Hajjah, Damar and Mahwit. They are for primary, intermediate and secondary schools as well as teacher training colleges. Each school can accommodate 240 to 360 children.

Khamis also said that, in addition to schools, the Kingdom was building and furnishing mosques in North Yemen.

The Kingdom has so far built 18 at an overall cost of SR4,043,141, in Sanaa, Taiz, Hodaidda, Hajjah, and Damar.

Saudi Arabia has also financed

18 health projects, including construction and equipment of hospitals and clinics in Saada, Sanaa, Baida, Ebb, Damar, Taiz and Hodaidda, at a cost of SR27,438,535.

Three meteorological projects, fully equipped have been readied. They cost SR66,240,000. He added that the Kingdom will run and maintain the projects for five years until Yemeni staff are trained.

Khamis said that 36 wells have been dug and supplied with machinery, at a cost of SR50,612,205, in Sanaa, Damar, Ebb and Saada.

On projects under execution, he said that 17 schools, a clinic, a health center and five mosques will soon be finished, at a total cost of SR39,457,739.

The Saudi Fund for Develop-

ment, has made long-term loans available the official said that these comprise for the Damar to Radaa and Baida road, 168 kilometers long built at a cost of SR128 million, and the Hodaidda to Jizan road, 204 kilometers long and built for SR300 million, for SR300 million.

The SFD had also lent SR200 million for the Yemeni part of the Saada to Dhahran South road, 79 kilometers long.

The SFD had also financed other utilities, such as an electricity generating project at an overall cost of SR55 million.

Ahli's dreams shattered with defeat by Ittifaq

JEDDAH, Dec. 28 — Ahli's hopes for top place in the football League were shattered Friday with an awkward 1-0 away, defeat by Ittifaq of Dammam.

Ittifaq scored, through attacker Jamal Muhammad, in the 36th minute of the first half.

Ahli hopes had been revived two weeks ago when it beat Hilal 2-1 in a fierce match, and caught up with them in second position, making up for their earlier losses in the tournament. Nasr and Ittihad were tied in the first position until Thursday, when Ittihad drew with Hilal 3-3 and dropped to the second spot.

Water resource display planned

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 — The U.S. Commerce Department will stage an exhibition of American water resources development equipment and technology in Riyadh, in the spring.

The exhibition, scheduled for May 31 to June 5, is designed to assist American manufacturers in competing in the Saudi market, the department said.

"Market research shows that a number of large-scale Saudi projects are creating excellent sales opportunities for U.S. manufacturers at this equipment," an official said.

The department said Saudi Arabia's Third Five-year Plan, due to begin in 1980, would place "high" priority on water resources projects.

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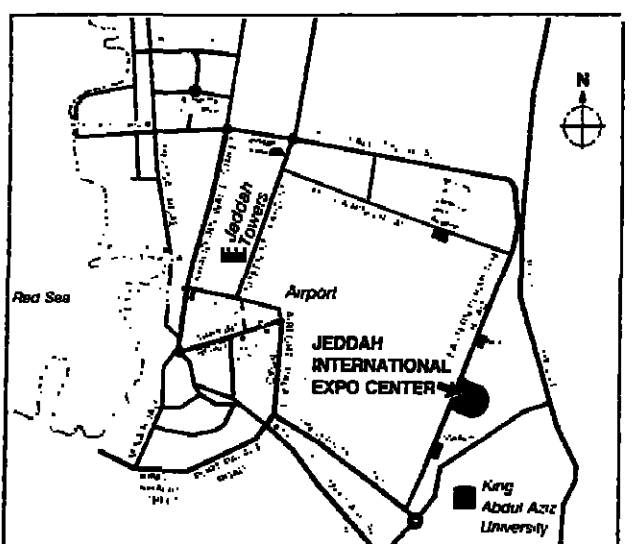
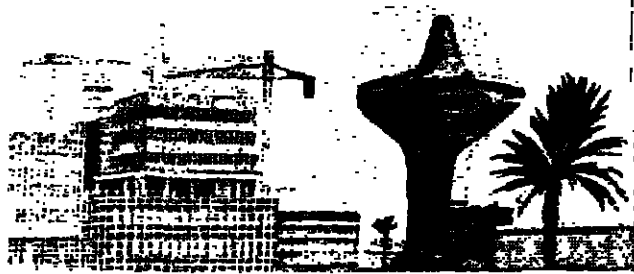
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E. Province road projects are costing SR1.9 billion

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DAMMAM, Dec. 28 (SPA) — A road network worth SR1.994 billion is being built to link the Eastern Province and Northern Region. The total length of the roads is 848 kilometers.

The director of the Eastern province Roads Department in Sheikh Hussein Mansour's Ministry of Communications, Sami Fawdah, said Friday that a coast road from Dammam to Al-Khobar, with a connecting road to the port, cost SR35 million. It will be a two lane road 23 kilometers long.

A road from Khajr to Adaliyya and the Hofuf new intersection will be 99 kilometers long and cost SR157, and another Hofuf intersection, Hofuf and Qabq which is 110 kilometers long will cost SR42 million.

A 116-kilometer road from Jann to Aqeer will cost SR128 million, and from Hafir Al-Batin to Majma'a a 200 kilometer dual-lane road will cost SR1,335 million. It will be finished shortly, Fawdah said.

A project for roads between Abu Haidariya and Ras Tanura, through Dammam and Jubail has been divided into seven parts, Fawdah said. The first is a six-lane road between Badrani and the

Abu Haidariya intersection. It is 69 kilometers long and will cost SR232 million.

The second will be from Badrani to meet the first road. It will be a six lane road, cost SR228 million and 66 kilometers long. The third will be from Badrani to the Baqiy-Dhahran road intersection, six lanes of 35 kilometers, costing SR318 million.

The fourth begins from the rail-road intersection at the Ras Tanura road, and runs to Safwa. It will be 60 kilometers long with 12 lanes, and will cost SR210 million. The fifth will be a six lane road from Safwa to Ras Tanura, separate from the road to Jubail. It will be 41 kilometers long and cost SR215 million.

The sixth will be from Safwa to Jubail. It will cost SR274 million for its six lanes of 52 kilometers. The seventh and last will be a two lane road from Abu Haidariya to Dhahran and Ras Al-Zour, 37 kilometers costing SR20 million.

The maintenance of roads in the Eastern Province is carried out by the Roads Department. It maintains roads from Hafir Al-Batin to Ratha, and to Arar, Arur to Sikaka to Jof and the road to the Jordanian border. The total length of road is 2,447 kilometers.

Another set of roads maintained by the department include those from Hafir Al-Batin to Qasim, Nairiyya to Khafji, Abu Haidariya to Dammam, Baqin to the Adaliyya intersection and Khurais to Hofuf Salwa. Their total length comes to 961 kilometers.

Fawdah said that the roads cost SR203 million to maintain. The department has centers in Khafji, Dammam and Hofuf, with experts to supervise the conditions of the huge network which links the Eastern Province and the north.

Some roads have been finished, he said. They include one from Alkhobar to Aziziya, and its connections, which cost SR140 million. It is 21 kilometers long and has eight lanes. The Dhahran to Baqiy road, which has four lanes, cost SR69 million. It is 63 kilometers long.

Also completed is Wadi Al-Miyah dual-lane road, starting at the Nairiyya intersection and ending in Camp Ein Dar No. Two, with total length of 370 kilometers. Another 31 kilometer road from Baqiy to Salasel and to Usafirat has two lanes.

The Tapline to Abu Miyah and Hizam Umm Al-Salek road is 22 kilometers of dual lanes. A 22 two lane kilometer mountain road, beside the road from Abu Haidariyya to Dammam is

finished, as is a two lane road from Nairiyya to Qaisumah, 21 kilometers long.

Fawdah said that the Roads Department of the Eastern Province has 3,800 kilometers of roads which cost SR2,800 billion. There were other huge projects under study by consulting firms, he added.

One of these projects is a dual lane network linking Dammam to Saibat, Ank, Qatif, Awamiya, Safwa, Alkhobar and Dhahran.



Sheikh Hussein Mansouri

There is also a project under study for expanding the dual lane roads from Dammam to Alkhobar, Abu Haidariya to Turail, the port intersection to Baqiy road, the airport road and the dual road from Dammam to Riyadh, still under construction, 390 kilometers long.

Meanwhile, it was reported that a network of roads was being constructed in the Southern Region to link populated areas in the hills with other areas.

Saudi Comment

By Aziz Zia Al-Bilad

One of the most popular American books I have seen is called *Believe it or Not*. Some of the stories are so out of the ordinary that they may be hard to believe, but the reader becomes convinced by them. As one reads on one realizes that there are many strange happenings in the world. I would like to relate a stark example.

This happened to me one day when I asked for a glass of water. As I sipped it, without any particular relish or dislike, I was told that it had been imported from the United States by one of our better-known companies. Indeed it was just like the many other kinds of drinking water that we have been importing by the thousands of bottles.

Many of us have long abandoned drinking our own water, in the belief that it is polluted by rusted and bursting pipes which mixed the water with sewage bursting out of its own pipes.

It would take a great deal of effort for many of us to unlearn such habits of mind. They have come to settle deeply, rightly or wrongly, in the last few years.

At the same time I must remind you that American water is not cheap. It already costs about SR3 per liter. It is supposed to have been left in stock because of its high cost. But the opposite has happened. Its agent is reported to have signed an agreement to import \$500,000 worth of Brazilian water because of rising demand.

He is doing this on the basis of his apparently successful commercial theory that people will rush for anything new and pay any amount for it.

At any rate, those who pay for water from Brazil will remain better

than those who rush out to buy a 1980 car while they still have three 1979 cars stacked in the garage practically undriven.

I do not think the Ministry of Commerce can interfere with this phenomenal extravagance because it believes in a system of free enterprise.

We still adhere to our right to import anything we like and sell it at any price we like, and also to buy anything we like.

By Ibrahim Al-Dualej Al-Medina

After an accident in front of the Sheraton Hotel in Jeddah the other day, a witness tried to telephone for an ambulance, as the driver of the car involved had escaped immediately after knocking down the pedestrian. After he was told to ring this number or that for at least 15 minutes, he got on to the ambulance, which promised to come as soon as possible. This took all of one hour, while the victim had weakened.

But there was little the ambulance team could do, they said, since there were only two ambulance vehicles in the city for an ever increasing number of accidents. They simply could not attend to every call immediately.

Egg shipment will ease supply crisis in Riyadh

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RIYADH, Dec. 28 (SPA) — Large quantities of eggs are on their way to Riyadh. There has been a shortage in the supply of eggs as production of local farms has decreased during the winter. Tawfiq Ibrahim, deputy minister of commerce for supply, has said that a shortage in imports and increased local consumption were

some of the factors which caused the egg crisis. The ministry was concerned about the lack of eggs.

Officials of the ministry had met chicken farm owners and importers of eggs to discuss ensuring sufficient supplies. They also discussed the regular availability of this important food the whole year round, Ibrahim said.

With 50 businessmen

Brazilian aide will visit

SAO PAULO, Dec. 28 (SPA) — The governor of Sao Paulo, B. Salem, will pay a visit to Saudi Arabia Jan. 5 through 10, as guest of Prince Salman, the governor of Riyadh.

He will be accompanied by an official delegation and some 50 Brazilian businessmen.

Salem, an Arab by descent, has expressed the hope that his visit would help the establishment of cultural ties between the Kingdom and Sao Paulo, where the univer-

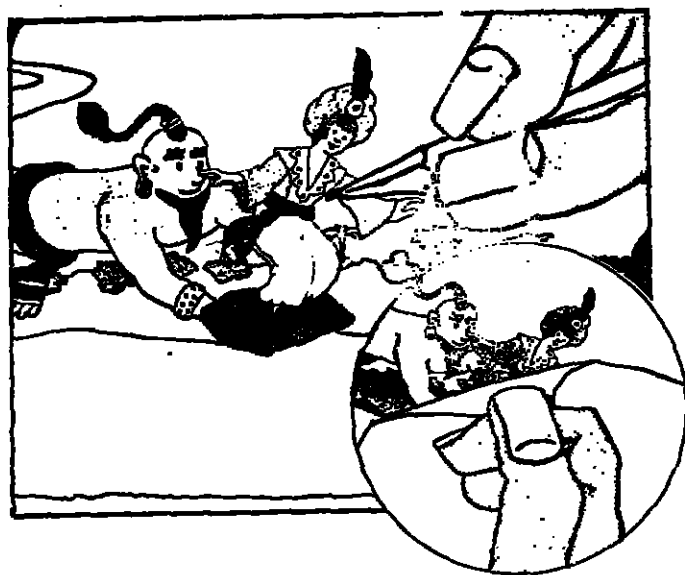
sity teachers Arabic free of charge.

He welcomed Saudi Arabian capital for industrial investment in Sao Paulo, which is the largest industrial area in South America.

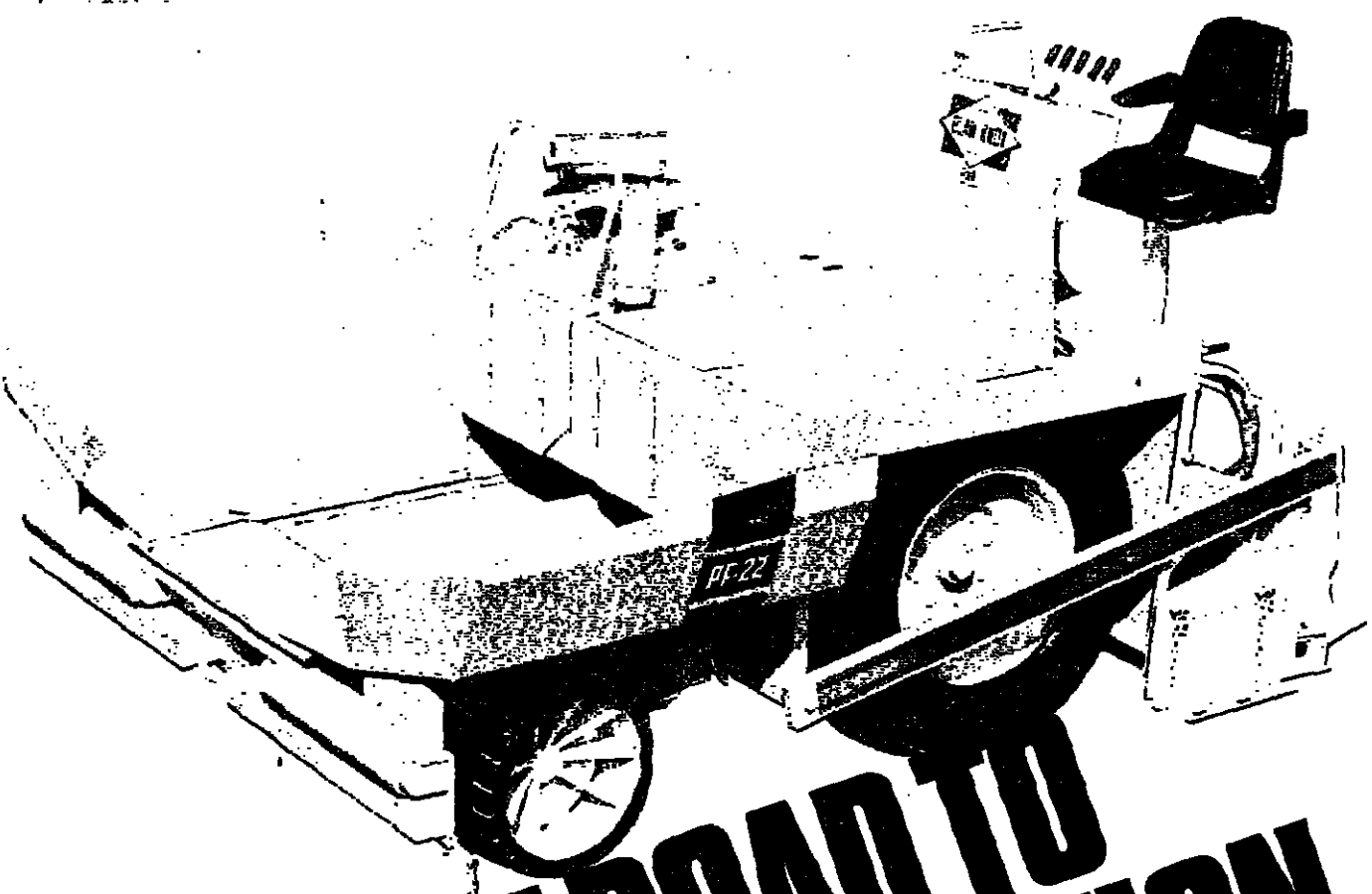
Brazil has five million people of Arab origin. It supports the Arab cause, recognizes the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) as the sole representative of the people of Palestine and considers Zionism a form of racism.

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Begin calls for army alert to face 'threat' from Syria

MAALE ADUMIM, West Bank Dec. 28 (R) — Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin has said that Israel's armed forces must remain on guard against a continuing military threat posed on its north eastern border with Syria.

Begin was speaking to members of a tank corps unit at a military base Thursday near this West Bank township which Israel plans to incorporate in a new industrial suburb outside Jerusalem.

"The northeastern border is noisy and tumultuous and there is no doubt that danger exists. We can only minimize it by maintain-

ing our alert in our areas," he said. Begin said that this year's Israel-Egypt peace treaty was a turning point in Middle East history, but that problems remained on the issue of autonomy for the West Bank Palestinians.

"We set ourselves a target date of one year, and just six months have past. We have made progress but not on the vital issues. We hope to reach agreement on them as well. All is dependent on free will," he said.

Begin also reiterated his refusal to negotiate with the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO)

and voiced strong opposition to the establishment of an independent Palestine state.

"We will never agree to a PLO state because it is a direct threat to our existence, and if we take the Soviet presence into account, to the existence of the free world as well."

On the issue of new Jewish settlements in occupied territory Begin stated emphatically: "No part of the land of Israel is exempt from Jewish settlement."

Speaking later to residents of Maale Adumim, a some 16 kms east of Jerusalem, which is to form the nucleus of an industrial satellite town for Jerusalem, Begin said: "Maale Adumim is a continuation of Jerusalem. I come here with joy, happiness and much pride... in the future Maale Adumim will have assured the future of development without evicting even one Arab resident."

Begin's visit to Maale Adumim was his second to the West Bank in two days, after some 20 months during which he had not toured any part of the occupied area.

His visit to Kiryat Arba, the Jewish suburb of Hebron, Wednesday night, was interrupted by heckling from a small group of members of Rabbi Meir Kahane's, Kach Party, an offshoot of the Jewish Defense League Rabbi Kahane established in the U.S. and Israel.



Mana Said Al-Oteiba

Oteiba links oil flow to M.E. peace

ABU DHABI, Dec. 28 (R) — United Arab Emirates (UAE) Petroleum Minister Mana Said Al-Oteiba says a solution of the Palestinian problem is essential for guaranteed oil supplies from the Middle East, the official Emirates news agency WAM reported.

The Western countries and Japan should do more for a just and complete settlement in the Middle East, especially over Palestine, Oteiba told a Japanese national television team Wednesday night.

"The Western countries who created the problem have done pretty little to resolve it in a just manner," he said.

"The solution of the problem, which threatens an explosion in the region, is essential for guaranteed crude flow from the Middle East," Oteiba also said any breach of the current average crude oil price of between \$ 24 and \$ 26 a barrel could lead to economic slowdown and higher inflation.

Siilasvuo sees no solution in Lebanon

TEL AVIV, Dec. 28 (R) — The retiring coordinator of U.N. forces in the Middle East has said he saw no easy solution to the problem of Lebanon.

In an interview with Israel radio Thursday, Finnish Lt. Gen. Ensio Siilasvuo, who is leaving the Middle East this week after over a decade of service in the region, said that from the U.N. point of view the Lebanese problem was a most difficult one.

"The Lebanese area, from the U.N. point of view, is a very difficult one, especially as I cannot see any easy solutions there," he said. "From the very beginning UNIFIL (the U.N. Interim Forces in Lebanon, stationed there after Israel's invasion of southern Lebanon two years ago) was facing a most difficult problem and a most difficult situation."

"It was not operating between two responsible governments, as was the case in the Sinai or the Golan Heights. There, UNIFIL has to face different factions or groups of people in an area where the government of Lebanon has no authority."

Siilasvuo said everybody, including Israel, was aware that the borders of the area held by UNIFIL could not be made completely watertight against Palestinian and left-wing infiltration.

"UNIFIL has tried to do its best to stop infiltration. It is, however, not an easy task," he said.



DETERMINED STRUGGLE: Iranians confirming their determination to maintain the struggle against the U.S. in the present hostage crisis, are pictured at what has become weekly ritual religious observance at Tehran university. Old and young, they are united against the common enemy.

Over detention of Bhuttos

Gen. Zia facing court challenge

LONDON, Dec. 28 (OFNS) — The mounting problems of Pakistan's President, Gen. Zia-ul-Haq, have been increased by a constitutional petition filed in the Sind High Court. It challenges the detention of the widow and daughter of the executed former prime minister, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, and the very legitimacy of Zia's military government.

The legal move was made in the Sind High Court, rather than the Supreme Court, partly because of its reputation for independence established earlier this year when it ordered the release of Bhutto's daughter, Benazir. Another reason is that the Bhuttos, as the first family of Sind, could probably expect fairer treatment there in their challenge to the Punjab-dominated martial law regime.

In the past, the courts have been subservient toward successive governments. Judges of the provincial and supreme courts took a fresh oath in July, 1977, after the imposition of Martial law, and none of them apparently found it incompatible with an earlier promise to defend the 1973 constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

In 1958 the martial law regime of Gen. Ayub Khan was given legitimacy on the ground that a "successful revolution destroys the constitution." But the Supreme Court declared in a 1972 case that Gen. Yahya Khan's martial law regime was "a usurper" — after the general had fallen from power.

The courts are notorious for reversing themselves, however. When Mrs. Bhutto tried to use the

1972 case to question the validity of the Zia government, the Supreme Court, managed another about-face. This time it justified Zia's coup on the grounds that he had stepped in to save the country in a grave national crisis and that he had promised to return to civilian rule as quickly as possible.

The Supreme Court's assent to Zia's takeover was conditional on his holding early elections, not tampering with the jurisdiction of the courts, and not bringing in a new legal order. The president to be elected would take office under the 1973 constitution.

Subsequent actions by the government have disregarded these conditions. There has been a widening rift between the courts and the government made worse by Zia's announcement on Oct. 16 that civil courts would have no jurisdiction over sentences passed by military tribunals.

There is mounting public pressure on the judiciary to stand up and establish a modicum of independence. The courts' record of timidity has eroded their prestige. Mrs. Bhutto's petition gives some judges the opportunity they have been looking for to regain their lost credibility.

Dissent is continuing to grow despite Zia's Oct. 16 declaration. The Karachi Bar Association, for example, has passed a resolution demanding the holding of general elections and a return to democracy. In spite of government action against its members, the Lahore Bar Association followed with a similar resolution asking for restoration of the 1973 constitution.



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India, Bangladesh guards exchange intensive firing

NEW DELHI, Dec. 28 (R) — Indian and Bangladesh border guards exchanged intensive fire Thursday night at a disputed area fringing India's northeastern Tripura state.

Official sources at the Tripura capital of Agartala said the Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) paramilitary police let off 28,000 rounds of automatic weapon fire on the Indian positions during a two-hour period.

Indian Border Security Force (BSF) personnel returned the fire which continued late into the night, the sources said.

Intermittent firing has been going on at the spot since Nov. 1 and two rounds of talks between India and Bangladesh have failed to find a solution.

The border between India and Bangladesh was largely settled under an agreement in 1974, but some areas remain in dispute.

Kuwait court charges illegal demonstrators

KUWAIT, Dec. 28 (R) — Twelve persons appeared in court here Thursday accused of taking part in illegal demonstrations outside the U.S. embassy here last month.

They were arrested following demonstrations by about 3,000 people outside the embassy on Nov. 30 in support of the Iranian revolution.

The 12 pleaded not guilty to the charge. The court remanded nine of them in custody and freed three on bail.

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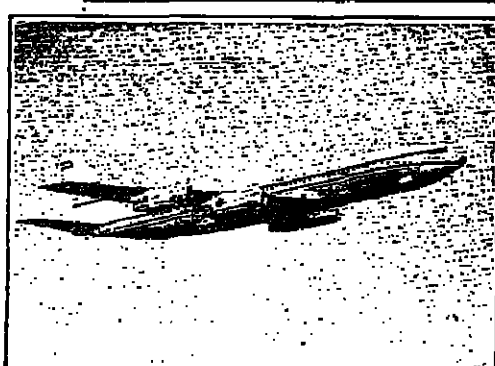
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In first innings

Pakistan takes lead of 87

KANPUR, India, Dec. 28 (R) — Wasim Raja, with a brilliant unbeaten 94, helped Pakistan take a first innings lead of 87 over India on the third day of the fourth Test here Thursday.

Raja and tailender Iqbal Qasim stayed together for nearly two hours, adding 83 for the eighth wicket and steering Pakistan out of trouble.

The innings reached 249 but India came back strongly with an unbroken opening stand of 79 between skipper Sunil Gavaskar and Chetan Chauhan in the second innings.

Gavaskar, who scored only two in the first innings, mixed caution with aggression for two hours. His 48 includes seven fours.

India, leading in the six-text series, were bowled out for 162 in the first innings with the major resistance mounted by tailenders.

Pakistan's top batsmen flopped equally until Qasim, who made 32, joined Raja. Play resumes on Saturday. Friday was a rest day.

In Melbourne, Australian test batsman Peter Toohy was Friday

ruled fit to play in the second Test against the West Indies beginning at the Melbourne Cricket Ground Saturday.

He had suffered slight bruising to his right foot in a practice session mishap Thursday.

Toohy, who was hit on the right instep by sometime bowler Bruce Laird, the side's opening batsman, had his foot packed in ice for several hours after the incident.

Earlier reports suggested that the New South Welshman would have to undergo a fitness test Friday morning, fuelling speculation that the scene was set for the return of former captain Ian Chappell to the side.

But the speculation was cut short at the MCG Friday without even the formality of the fitness test.

"Peter woke up as good as gold," said captain Greg Chappell.

"There is no need for a replacement."

Toohy, too, confirmed he was fit. "There is only bruising and

there is no pain, so I'll be right to play."

Meanwhile, there appears little likelihood of the West Indies naming their Test side until later.

Trainer David Wright put the 15-man squad through its paces at the ground Friday morning and key batsman Viv Richards showed up particularly well.

Richards, who has been suffering from a hip injury since the start of the series, moved freely and showed no discomfort or restriction in his movements.

But it is confidently tipped the recent record of the MCG pitch will see the West Indies forsake one of their renowned four-man pace attack in favour of spinner Derek Parry.

Most likely to go out of the West Indies side is fast bowler Golin Croft, which will still leave the fearsome trio of Andy Roberts, Michael Holding and Joel Garner as the attacking spearhead.

Australia, too, could be tempted to include both leg-spinner Jim Higgs and left-arm spinner Ray Bright in the match, considering the pitch's obvious lack of assistance to the pace men.

In recent four-day Sheffield Shield matches here Higgs took 12 wickets against Western Australia and eight against New South Wales and New South Wales leg spinner Bob Holland performed well on the last day of the match against Victoria.

If both Higgs and Bright are to play, then the selectors would have to gamble on leaving out a recognised batsman.



MOSCOW MAKES READY: The Olympic indoor cycle track in Krylatskoye, being made ready for the Summer Games

Ruzici defeated

Top seed out in Australia tennis

MELBOURNE, Dec. 28 (AP) — Romania's Virginia Ruzici, the top seed in the Australian Open tennis championships, was a first-round upset victim Friday.

Ruzici, ranked 13th in the world, bowed to West Australian Mary Sawyer, ranked No. 152, 6-0, 2-6, 4-6.

Ruzici reeled off the first eight games and seemed on her way to an easy victory before the 22-

Sawyer held serve, winning her first game in the match to trail 1-2 in the second set. She broke serve to level the score and then sped through the rest of the set.

Scores went with service until the fifth game of the deciding set, when the Romanian broke serve. However, three successive breaks

followed until Sawyer held serve to lead 5-4. Sawyer then broke again after holding three match points in the final game.

Sawyer said she had started slowly because of nerves.

In a return to form, SYD Ball of New South Wales sailed into the third round with a straight-set win over American Bill Maze 6-3, 6-4, 6-3.

Battle of giants

'Pool downs United to go 2 points clear

LONDON, Dec. 28 (R) — Liverpool, champion and leader of the English Football League First Division, won the battle of the giants Wednesday when its beat Manchester United, its closest challenger, 2-0.

Liverpool's victory at its Anfield ground, where it is unbeaten this season after 11 League games, took it to 32 points, two clear of United, and it also has a match in hand.

The champion was in such dominant mood that United was almost overrun at times. A goal by discarded Scottish international Alan Hansen after 15 minutes set Liverpool on the victory path, and David Johnson sealed the win with a second goal five minutes from the end.

Liverpool manager Bob Paisley said: "There is still a long way to go and today's win doesn't mean the championship race is over."

Arsenal, one of a number of teams trying to close the gap on the two pacemakers, helped its cause with a 1-0 win over London neighbor Tottenham, which kept it third, six points behind the leaders.

Southampton stayed in fourth position, eight points adrift of Liverpool, after a goalless draw with Wolverhampton, while Crystal Palace slipped from fifth to eighth with a 3-0 defeat at

Brighton. It was Brighton's success against Palace in games.

Leeds' attack, in which climbed from 13th to eighth, ended at Middlesbrough, where Yugoslav I international B Jankovic scored twice in his 3-1 victory.

However, European Cup der Nottingham Forest, who not won in its five previous League games, returned to winning by beating Aston Villa 2-1. Bowles, Forest's £250,000 re-signing from London Queen's Park Rangers, got the winning goal.

Arguello title defense planned

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (AP) — World super featherweight champion Alexis Arguello, who will defend his WBA Boxing Council title against American Ruben Castillo in a 15-round match in Tucson, Arizona, Jan. 20.

It was announced Thursday promoter Don King that championship bout marks seventh defense of the 130-pound title for Arguello, whose record is 38-4, with 43 knockouts.

Castillo, ranked Number 1 by the WBC, is undefeated fights with 22 knockouts.

Atlanta outpaces Rockets

ATLANTA, Georgia, Dec. 28 (AP) — The Atlanta Hawks hit you with everything, including the bench.

"They're the type of team that can get a good night out of anybody," Jick Barry of the Houston Rockets said, "and this is what happened for them tonight."

They called in the reserves Thursday night, and they helped the Hawks to a 112-110 National Basketball Association victory over the Rockets.

"I thought that the unit had on the floor for the last six minutes of the game did an outstanding job for us," said Atlanta coach Hubie Brown.

Poles prepare Everest climb

KATHMANDU, Dec. 28 (R) — Polish mountaineers flew Thursday to prepare for the first winter attempt to climb Everest. Everest has always been climbed in summer. Japanese climbers made the first autumn ascent in 1973.

The 20-member expedition carried ten tons of baggage, including clothes to fight the severe winter.

Team leader Andrezej Zawada said his climbers would take the traditional south col Route and climb the 8,848-meter peak using oxygen.

The final assault teams will dig ice caves to live in because tents would not be able to withstand the fierce winds.

who scored the winning jump shot with three seconds left.

"Not only did they bring it back," Brown said, "but they brought it back with execution, good passing, good defense and moved the ball on the break and made some key steals."

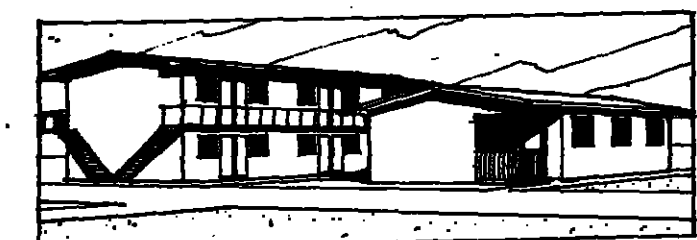
In other NBA action Thursday night, the Washington Bullets defeated the Milwaukee Bucks 117-108; the Cleveland Cavaliers whipped the New York Knicks 125-110; the Philadelphia 76ers beat the San Antonio Spurs 118-114; the Boston Celtics routed the San Diego Clippers 118-97 and the Los Angeles Lakers turned back the Utah Jazz 124-116.

Greg Ballard scored a career-high 27 points to pace Washington over Milwaukee. Ballard, starting his fourth consecutive NBA game in place of the injured Bobby Dandridge, sank 10 of 17 shots and grabbed 13 rebounds.

Mike Mitchell poured in 34 points, 12 in a pivotal third-quarter rally, to spark Cleveland over New York. Campy Russell added 24 points and Randy Smith 23 for the Cavaliers, who have won 13 of their last 14 home games. The Knicks were led by Toby Knight with 30 points and Bill Cartwright with 26.

Julius Erving scored 12 of his 32 points in the fourth quarter as Philadelphia beat San Antonio with a late rally. The 76ers victory overshadowed a great performance by San Antonio's George Gervin, who scored 46 points.

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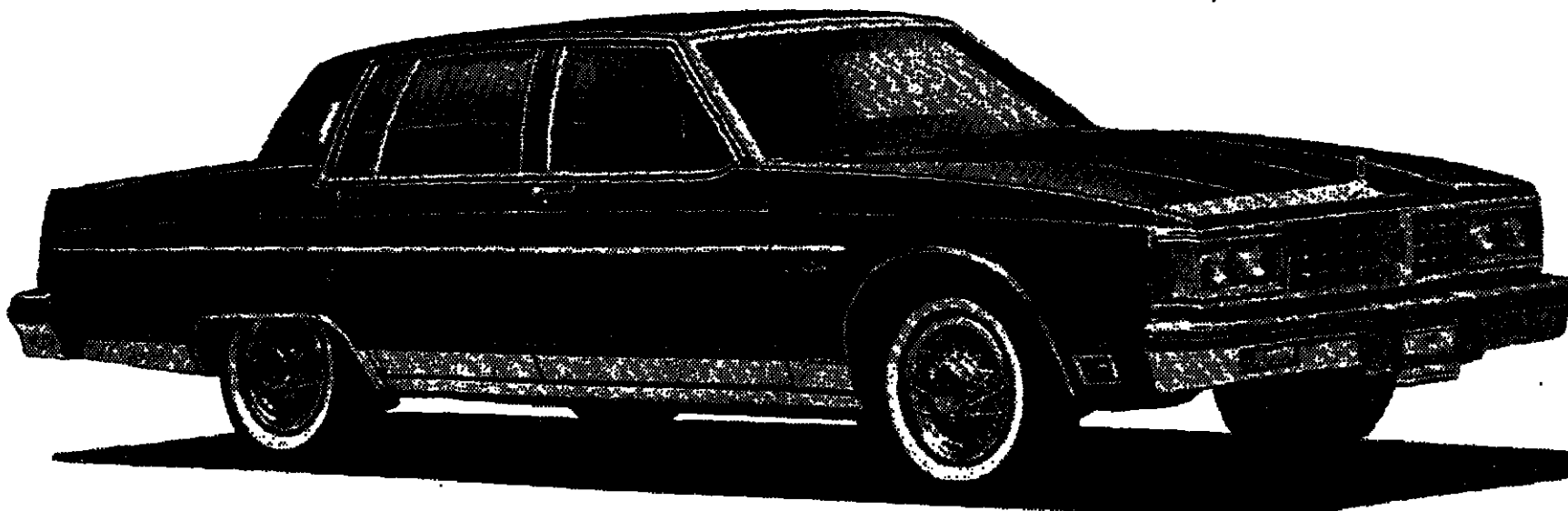
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YEAR OF THE CHILD



Political auction rages in New Delhi

By Kevin Rafferty

NEW DELHI —

A record number of candidates, averaging almost 10 for every seat, will fight India's general election in the first week of the new year. But the 350 million voters are still waiting for the hubbub of defections and rumors of defections to die down and for the real campaign to begin.

All the talk since the election was announced at the end of August has been about how many people would defect to Mrs. Indira Gandhi, who would be the leaders of which parties, and which parties would be linked with which.

A recent cartoon by "Abu" in the mass-circulation *Indian Express* showed Chandra Shekhar, president of the Janata Party, standing outside a door marked "J. Ram" as if on guard to see that Jagjivan Ram stayed in the party.

The in-fighting for potential defections became so bitter that at one stage both Sanjay Gandhi and Suresh Ram, the sons of the leaders, were in league to get Ram to join the Indira Congress, as Mrs. Gandhi's party is known. Negotiations failed, it is rumored, because the offices offered were not good enough.

Ram, who has the distinction of having served in practically every cabinet — except the present "caretaker" one — since the Constituent Assembly in 1946, may not have defected, but several other leading figures have been prepared to join their sworn enemies in the hunt for preferment and office.

H.N. Rahuguna, Janata finance minister under present Prime Minister Charan Singh, has gone back to Mrs. Gandhi, whom he left just before the 1977 election with Ram. Bramananda Reddy, minister of industries under Singh, has also gone back to Mrs. Gandhi, whom he left amid vitriolic exchanges after the election.

The consensus is that the contest is between Mrs. Gandhi and the rest, with Janata being regarded as the main opposition. The Lok Dal of Charan Singh seems likely to take a wedge of seats among the Jat farmers of the Hindi-speaking northern heartland, while the All-India Congress picks up what is left with the regional parties.

But it is difficult to predict any outcome. There has been no "Indira wave" as in 1971, no "Janata wave" as in 1977, no wave at all except the wave of disgust at the displays of self-interest. "Politicians — all they care about is how much they make," one of a group of Punjabi farmers practically spat out, adding for good measure some choice epithets in the local dialect.

The squabbling non-Indira politicians have been so busy fighting their own fights that they have not managed to put up a common candidate to fight Mrs. Gandhi. At Rae Bareilly, Mrs. Gandhi's old constituency where she was defeated in 1977, there will be a 26-cornered contest, and at Medak there are 10 candidates, including Mrs. Gandhi. She is the only leader to be fighting from two constituencies, which may be a measure of her uncertainty.

Sanjay Gandhi is also contesting the election, and his papers were accepted in spite of his conviction on criminal charges and a sentence to two years' rigorous imprisonment which would disqualify him from standing. His appeal is currently before the supreme court.

Even Mrs. Gandhi's party has been beset with dissension, with the long-standing members resenting the upper hand gained by the Sanjay-wallahs (supporters of Sanjay Gandhi) and Sanjay Gandhi unhappy that Rahuguna has been allowed a small share of the spoils in picking the party lists.

The manifestos of the parties all express a concern for the people and the abolition of poverty which is often difficult to detect in their programs while in power. The Janata and Lok Dal manifestos tend to be more factual, while the Indira Congress one is mainly a tirade against the Janata, and a defense of Mrs. Gandhi's period in power.

A comparison of the manifestos brought a comment from the independent *Economic Times* that Mrs. Gandhi was accusing the Janata of plunging the country into chaos while defending a period of rule which "brought the registered job-seekers on the live register from 2.5 million to over 12 million, lowered the industrial growth rate from 9 per cent to 4.2 per cent, imprisoned the private sector in a spider's web of controls, and totally corrupted public life by creating avenues for the entry of "black" money into the political process. — (OFNS)

China's mounting lawlessness

By Dennis Bloodworth

SINGAPORE —

400 Chinese legal and police experts ended their gloomy discussions earlier this month on the mounting lawlessness in China's overcrowded cities. The *Peking Daily* reported the trial of two gang leaders charged with organizing a street battle in the capital itself, involving 140 hooligans armed with knives, spades and zip-guns.

This was no isolated case. It was disclosed in October that frustrated gangs in Shanghai and Tianjin (Tientsin) had turned to beating up and robbing passersby in broad daylight when the rival mobs they had arranged to fight failed to arrive for a showdown.

Crime in China, where formerly no one even carried a key, is now commonplace, and the miscreants range from cold-blooded killers, armed robbers, rapists and fire-raiders to gamblers and pickpockets and prowlers working in pairs to mug or molest girls leaving night-school.

The stock explanation for much of the urban violence is that during the Cultural Revolution of the mid-sixties, in which Mao pitted juvenile left-wing Red Guards against the entrenched party hierarchy that was defying him, young people were encouraged to "seize power" and to "rebel" against their parents, their teachers, and established authority.

They were finally dispersed and sent down to the villages to "learn from the peasants," but now tens of thousands have swarmed back into the towns to swell the ranks of China's 20 million unemployed, and — their minds poisoned by the depraved "Gang of Four" — have brought their instinct for anarchy with them.

But that analysis does not take into account the passage of time. Most of the Red-Guards of the sixties are now in their late twenties or early thirties, whereas in 1977, nearly 70 per cent of all crime detected in China was committed by youngsters, and in 1978 the figure rose to 73 per cent. According to the official press in Shanghai, "more than half of the youth and children involved in criminal acts are school students," and the average age of the inmates of Peking's reform schools — now increased from three to 10 — is only 16.

Moreover, many teenage troublemakers are the offspring of important cadres within the party bureaucracy that the Red Guards set out to destroy. While the affluent society of the capitalist West may breed spoiled brats who become delinquents, it is self-evident that children of all ages can be corrupted by a proletarian system of power and privilege that could produce the case of Chang Lung-huang.

This enterprising young farm-worker, distressed at the prospect of ending his brief new year spree in Shanghai and returning to the farmyard as a mere son of the soil again, opted for a more prestigious paternity. Claiming to be a senior cadre of the Shanghai Party Committee, he rang up the Opera House and asked an official to give a good seat to his friend "Comrade Li," the son of a deputy chief-of-staff of the People's Liberation Army down from Peking.

He then presented himself at the theater as the imaginary Li. He was ceremoniously ushered into the best seat in the house, taken backstage after the show to meet the players, laid down loftily what was

good and bad about their performances, and from that moment never looked back.

He acquired the girl of his choice from the talent available in the city's theatrical troupes, and then moved in on her parents. He also acquired a car by making a fake long-distance call to a senior Shanghai official and, posing as his illustrious "father" in Peking, demanding that he put that ultimate Chinese status symbol at his "son's" disposal.

With a government car (and wearing a smart new military uniform) he could gull anybody; and when the obsequious new friends who dined him, gave him presents and offered him money, asked him to use his influence to get them a bigger house or a better job, he took it in his stride. For the influence the farm-hand did not possess was magically there for the non-existent son of the general.

He was tripped in the end, but not before the lesson had been rubbed in. Comparing his successful masquerade to "the government inspector," Gogol's Play about a similar impostor, the veteran Chinese author Ba Jin remarked acridly. "This satire written by a Russian more than a hundred years ago actually ridicules us." To cheat people in Socialist China, a Canton newspaper added, requires "no props at the outset — just say you are the son of a first party secretary or a deputy chief-of-staff, and the trick is done."

The corollary is that if you really are the son of a party secretary (as another joker had pretended) within the Communist caste system, you may quickly come to believe the world owes you a plush living — and rebel if you do not get it.

The Peking press has accused senior cadres of demanding privileges not only for themselves, but for their offspring of using their influence to save their sons from being sent down to farms to which they had already been assigned (or bringing them back and resettling them in urban luxury); and of allowing their wives and children to order automobiles for their own frivolous use. It has also charged them with "going through the back-door" to get their loved ones party membership, plum jobs or permits to go abroad, with sending their young to special schools, treating them as if they were automatically the future masters of China — and using their power to protect them when they get into trouble.

A study carried out in Chinese schools has shown that the only child is particularly susceptible to the coddling that can later lead to lawlessness. And now there will be more only children, for paradoxically Peking is encouraging families to "stop at one" in order to hold down the population and reduce unemployment, which is itself one of the major contributors to the current crime wave.

You do not have to be a cadre's son to be tempted. Older malefactors persuade students still at school that they are wasting their time studying because there are no jobs for them, and when they come out into the world they join a queue of seven million youngsters already "awaiting assignment." The government is tackling this problem energetically, and more than million of the idle in Peking, Shanghai and Tianjin have been placed this year. But most earn only enough to feed themselves, and if other — "aimless, without future or ideals" — take the wrong road, they may be reformed by the proliferating "educational aid teams" or in special work-and-study schools, but too often factories do not want to employ them afterward. (OFNS)

Pakistan's prisoner

By Lawrence Lifschultz

NEW YORK —

The arrest of Salamat Ali, Pakistan correspondent of the *Far Eastern Economic Review*, on Nov. 13 and his sentencing two weeks later to a year's hard labor by a summary military court brought to the fore the issue of democratic rights in Pakistan. By convicting Ali of publishing a news report on Baluchistan that allegedly promoted hatred between different classes and provinces, Pakistan's martial law authorities have enacted a complete parody of the motives they expressed when they seized power in July 1977.

There were two premises to the military putsch: one was that new elections would be held within 90 days; the new government charged that the former prime minister, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, had rigged the national elections held in March. The second, and equally significant, was the commitment to end four years of brutal civil war in Baluchistan province.

Pakistan's Baluchistan problem arose in 1973. Three years earlier, in the first genuine elections in Pakistan, a coalition led by the National Awami Party won power in the province. However, by 1973 the Shah of Iran had begun to express displeasure about this development. The Shah was noticeably restless about an elected social-democratic government in the province that bordered his entire eastern flank.

He had considered the internationally "nonaligned" National Awami Party pro-Soviet ever since it had opposed Pakistan's joining any alliance, but in particular America's grand regional military alliances. The Shah told Bhutto he did not want the party in power in Baluchistan. Iran was emerging as the main financial donor to Pakistan's debt-ridden economy. With grand hopes of Pakistan's becoming an integral element in the Shah's even grander dream of a Persian-style "co-

prosperity sphere," Bhutto obliged. He dismissed the elected provincial authorities in February 1973 and eventually arrested the leadership of the Baluchistan National Awami Party. There then began one of the fiercest and least-reported wars in Asia.

In the mountain warfare, Pakistan suffered as many casualties as in the 1971 Bangladesh war. More than 100,000 Pakistani troops in repeated campaigns of "enforcement and suppression" failed to subdue the well-organized insurgents. The Shah's armed forces were involved: American-supplied helicopter transports of the Iranian Air Force were used — with Washington's knowledge, but in violation of Pentagon regulations — to ferry Pakistani troops across the ravines and mountains of Pakistan's most extensive province. The conflict lasted four years, until Gen. Zia Ul-Haq's coup brought a ceasefire.

The issue of provincial autonomy and democracy is recurrent in Pakistan. It was central to the war that led to the creation of Bangladesh from the province of East Pakistan.

The junta-leader, Gen. Zia, has now abandoned the two premises by which he sought to lend legitimacy to his coup: new elections and reconciliation in Baluchistan.

Having abandoned both commitments, the military authorities now persecute a reporter who wrote the unpleasant news about where government policies have led. This behavior was also typical of the last days of the Bhutto and Yahya Khan regimes. Newspapers were closed, journalists were gunned down, and selected foreign correspondents were told not to enter the country.

Salamat Ali put it in a nutshell as he bravely faced the Rawalpindi military tribunal: "It is the plight of an objective reporter that he is disliked by all governments." — (NYT)

saudi press review

A weekend newspaper led with King Khalid's part of the graduation ceremony of the 17th batch of cadets King Faisal Air Academy. *Al-Jazirah* Friday led with a story about Prince Fahd's tour of the Western Province to some development projects prominently carried on front pages of the newspapers. *Nadha* frontpaged a report on the Kuwaiti foreign minister's visit to the Gulf leaders thinking of establishing a state on the lines of the United States. It also highlighted President Giscard d'Estaing's prolonged meeting with Ahmad Zaki Yamani, the minister of petroleum and natural resources. *Al-Jazirah* quoted Saudi Ambassador Faisal Al-Hejelan as reaffirming that the Kingdom enjoyed peace and security undisturbed by press lies in America and the West.

In an editorial on the graduation of the 17th batch of air force officers, *Al-Medina* stressed the significance of the air force in modern warfare and said that the state has given all-out assistance to the King Faisal Air Academy while the latest batch has been trained on most modern training standards. The paper expressed pride especially because the graduating cadets also included some from Bahrain, North Yemen and Sudan. It reaffirmed that the Kingdom was anxious to adopt every method that helped in consolidating peace and security in the region.

Al-Jazirah described the King's meeting with the air force officers as a "picture of great coherence between the leadership and the armed forces personnel." The paper praised the air force cadets for their high technical capability and expressed admiration for the advanced techniques they learned at the academy. In another editorial, *Al-Jazirah* warned the Islamic nation and the

states of Southeast Asia against the Communist danger and urged them to be prepared at all times to face this danger. "The Communist danger loomed large over Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iran. Communism wanted to bring the whole Southeast Asian region under its domination and to obliterate all the traces of Islam and other religions in that region," it said.

The paper called on the Islamic states to react to the Communist influence in Afghanistan, as the people of that country now stood alone in resisting Communism.

Writing on the Lebanese situation, *Al-Riyadh* expressed pessimism on any possible solution to the Lebanese problem during the coming year. It said there will be more of the international negligence toward the Middle East, as the Soviet Union was busy with looking for a possible successor to Brezhnev and France was preparing itself for the 1981 elections, while the United States was busy with its own problems in the coun-

try and abroad. "Moreover, the economic conditions that might change as a result of the expected shifts in the political trends in the world may also not allow much time to find a possible solution to the Middle East problem," it said.

"It was only because of the preoccupation of the big powers with their own problems that the Zionist enemy has found time and freedom to attack the Arab states and play with South Lebanon as he wished," the paper added.

Dealing with Crown Prince Fahd's tour of some towns in the Kingdom, *Al-Bilad* said that gesture did not only show the interaction between the people and their leadership but also indicated how strong was the contact between the members of closely-knit family.

Okaz said the basic aim of the state was to serve the nation and in this behalf the Kingdom has not confined itself to mere statements but has translated its word into a tangible reality. The paper stressed the importance of the crown

prince's directives for the development of towns and suburban areas so that they catch up with the progress of the country.

Referring to King Khalid's patronage of the graduation ceremony at the King Faisal Air Academy, *Okaz* said the royal presence reflected an image of love and sincerity existing between the ruler and his people. It reaffirmed that Saudi Arabia's strength was dedicated to the Arab nation in its struggle to restore the usurped rights, especially those of the people of Palestine, and to thwart all dangers facing the nation.

In the same context, *Al-Nadwa* said that the graduation of a new batch of air force officers asserted the essence of Saudi Arabia's policy that a cause, no matter how just it was, could not find any firm base without power. Praising the air maneuver, the paper saluted the Kingdom's leadership for opening all the gates of scientific knowledge to the Saudi youths, preserving at the same time the sublime values of Islam.



"What are you doing Abu Hamad?"
"I'm only helping in the growth of bumps."

— AL JAZIRAH

Twenty years after a murder in cold blood

By STEVE GUNN

HOLCOMB, Kansas — The wind blew grit into the old man's mouth as he spoke of the killings. "It was a pretty good life," L.M. said, walking through a field of dead fruit trees turned to rot. "Some moved away. Lots of

Within months the Clutters and their killers became known intimately to millions of people. For some, Capote had captured the beginning of an era where criminals were more callous, more senseless. To those touched by the tragedy and swept up in the subsequent publicity, it's a memory that still lives. There is the last man to see the Clutters alive, who later became the first suspect in the case. He still lives within sight of the house.

Hickock and Perry Smith invaded the Clutter house, which is isolated on the edge of the hamlet. They expected to find a safe filled with money. Instead, they found about \$40. The men tied up Herbert Clutter, a successful farmer, his wife Bonnie and two children, Nancy, 16 and Kenyon, 15; slashed Clutter's throat and shot them all once through the head. All died. The men escaped and started a two-month odyssey through Texas to Mexico, to Florida and

The Clutter killings, for some, were a dark harbinger of the next decade. Wilma Kidwell, the school teacher who moved from Holcomb to help escape the memories, says, "It couldn't happen now. People have changed, the shock wouldn't be as complete. The time was right in 1959, he was ready and so were we. And there's no families like the Clutters anymore." But in 1959, people weren't as inured to the violence and the

years after the book's publication. Capote is a favorite of the gossip columnists and the TV talk shows. Some of those who inhabit the pages of *In Cold Blood* have continued to enjoy life. Others have not. Alvin Adams Dewey, the Kansas Bureau of investigation agent in charge of the case, described by Capote as the quintessential hard-working detective, waved a sheaf of letters in his hand as he sat at his dining room table. He picked one off he had just

200 murders while working for the FBI and Federal Bureau of investigation, including a stint in Waco, Texas. "The very viciousness and brutality of the crime and the fact it was committed on an outstanding family is what set this apart from the others." Because of their association with Capote, whom they haven't seen for three years, Dewey and his wife were part of a new elite in Finney County, one where money or power was not as important as a part in the book. The couple was invited to parties in New York and California where they met the likes of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis or Lynda Bird Johnson. Others who got hit parts in the movie that recreated the incident and was filmed on location in the area also became local celebrities. "People here were jealous about who got invited to what party or who got what because of the book. A lot of them still can remember it," said a local attorney. He asked to remain unidentified because "I don't want to stir all this up again, although people have known it was going to happen with the anniversary."

Dewey drew on a pipe and said, "This crime changed the way of life in this community to some degree. People lock their doors better now and are more afraid. But that's the times." A few months ago, Mrs. Kidwell and her daughter Susan were coming out of a hotel on Manhattan's east side. Susan was Nancy Clutter's best friend and found the Clutter's bodies on her way to church. Mrs. Kidwell was Nancy's school teacher. As they emerged, they looked to the left as a short man with a funny voice said, "Garden City!" and the women said, "Truman." Three people who had met in rural Kansas, bumped shoulders in the country's largest city. They agreed to go out for a drink but when Capote invited them to lunch, they declined. "You have to be more careful these days," said Mrs. Kidwell. "It's not like it used to be where you could trust people. Times have changed. Truman's pretty weird now."

For the two Kidwells, escape from the tragedy has been a matter of degree. Susan, who was to room at Kansas State University with Nancy Clutter, instead, went to another school and ended up living on the East Coast. Her mother said Susan never returns to Holcomb and "goes into hysterics at the mention of it. We never talk about it. It's a terrible thing to see you best friend mutilated."

Mrs. Kidwell, who moved to Garden City to escape the constant reminders of the murder of two of her students and their parents, blinks rapidly as she stares out a window. "I think a lot about it. Time is wonderful in dimming memories. I still get letters, though, letters from everywhere asking me ques-

tions. I am constantly reminded of it." Once a year, she takes a cross to the Valley View Cemetery north of Garden City. "Nancy so loved flowers." She is retired and worried about the increase in crime in her quiet neighborhood of small frame homes. "Times have changed. You have to be careful now." I have two locks on my door and a wooden bar on the porch door, which I wouldn't have otherwise. The biggest change has been the slow drying of the countryside. The Arkansas River, which cut a wide brown swath through the county 20 years ago, is now a dry riverbed. The man-made lake where local residents swam, and where Nancy Clutter often went on dates, is now a cornfield. And dust seems to stick to everything, staining clothing, cars and skin. There have been no murders in Holcomb since 1959. A recent

burglary at the only liquor store in town was the talk for a month. Holcomb still has no police force. Residents dial only five numbers to make a local phone call. Postmaster Larry Earnest said only about 12 families in town were there in 1959. More than three-fourths of the people have moved away. Earnest is the chief letter-opener for inquiries about the case. Most, he said, have religious overtones, although a few years back he received a letter from a woman who wanted to set up a scholarship fund in memory of the two killers. The community has only five retail businesses: a restaurant, a doughnut shop, the liquor store and two beauty salons; but it is about to be hit by progress. Until 1970, the population of the town, including surrounding farms, never exceeded 500. Since then there has been a small increase. (DTH).



A small town, nestled in the endless land of Kansas, still treasured at the memory of that Sunday morning.

st-types came. It just hasn't the same since that night up he said, pointing through swirling haze at an isolated house one-quarter mile. Twenty years ago, four members of a well-known southwest farm family named Clutter shot to death during a \$40 robbery of their house. The Clutters became the vehicle for Capote's "In Cold

There is the detective, who led the investigation that cracked the case and now is a local folk hero. The young girl who discovered the bodies and now won't return to town. The retired school teacher who still takes dark red roses to the grave once a year. The people who died or left town and others still affected by the subtle changes in Finney County. Early in the morning of November 16, 1959, with only a full moon as witness, Richard

back through Kansas to Las Vegas where they were arrested, and charged with the murders based on their confessions and evidence from the scene. After six years of trials, appeals and legal delays, they were hanged in the Kansas State Penitentiary. Today their acts of mindless violence seem more common, more stories surface about brutal, random convenience store killings or pathological killers tagged with romantic nicknames.

stage was set for Capote. For the next five years, he has since told interviewers, it consumed his life. He lived the story again and again, from hundreds of viewpoints. On the night the killers were executed, one asked to see Capote as his last request. The book was Capote's literary achievement. He became famous with a novel at 23 and it sold more than 3.5 million copies and was translated into 32 languages. He has never quite topped it, but 14

received. "I get them all the time." The letter, from a student majoring in psychology at a Florida Junior college, asked a few details about the case, but it was basically just a fan letter, gushing about men like Dewey. Dewey, 67, with thick hair, retired in 1975 after suffering a heart attack and now lives in a comfortable house in Garden City, the Finney County seat. In his career, he solved over

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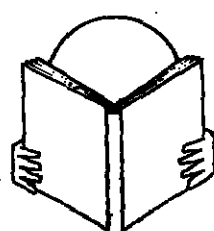
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But move seen as cosmetic**Pol Pot removed as rebel chief**

BANGKOK, Dec. 28 (Agencies) — Cambodia's ousted Khmer Rouge rulers have dropped Pol Pot as their leader and offered to put aside Communism and join a national front to drive Vietnamese troops from the country.

The toppled regime, facing mounting setbacks in its year-old guerrilla war to regain power and increasingly shunned by the rest of the world, announced the moves Thursday through its radio station and its ambassador to Peking.

But the first reaction from diplomats was that the changes were largely cosmetic.

Pol Pot lost the premiership to veteran revolutionary Khieu Samphan but took on the powerful jobs of army commander-in-chief and chairman of the army's "supreme commission."

French-educated Khieu was an architect of the revolution which emptied Cambodia's cities after the 1975 Communist takeover, killing hundreds of thousands and provoking worldwide revulsion.

Pol Pot's government was driven from the capital Phnom Penh

last January by Vietnamese-led forces that have since remained. Its aim now, according to the announcements, was no longer to make a Socialist revolution but to fight the Vietnamese and defend Cambodia.

It was suspending its constitution and recognizing the political program, including democratic rights and United Nations-supervised elections of the "patriotic and democratic front of great national union of Kampuchea" set up last September.

The announcements said the changes were agreed at a Khmer Rouge congress held between Dec. 15 and 17 at a secret location.

"It seems to be a last desperate attempt to save a dying regime by trying to dress it up in new colors," said one Western diplomat. "But the colors are all the same, just in different shades."

The world is divided between horror at Pol Pot's human rights record and disapproval of Vietnam's intervention to remove him.

His removal as premier now could make it easier for some

countries to continue recognizing the Khmer Rouge as the country's legitimate government and also make it more palatable to Cambodians opposed equally to Pol Pot and the Vietnamese, diplomats said.

They also said China, long-time backer of Pol Pot against the Soviet-aided Vietnamese, probably played an important part in bringing about the changes in an effort to improve the Khmer Rouge's tainted image abroad.

Meanwhile, Vietnamese Communist Party leader Le Duc Tho made a public defense of the presence of Hanoi's troops in Cambodia Friday, saying they are carrying out a historical responsibility to save the region from the Chinese.

In a statement carried by the Vietnam News Agency, Tho answered what he called a "noisy slander campaign" that claims Vietnam wants to occupy Cambodia and calls for a Vietnamese withdrawal.

"World public opinion should realize that after more than 30 years of war against imperialist aggressors, our people want nothing more than peace to rebuild our ravaged country," he said. "We do not want another war."

Vietnam's invasion of Cambodia one year ago, which established the new Heng Samrin government in Phnom Penh, was a response to repeated threats from the Cambodians. Tho said. "There was no other alternative to us than to fight."

He said. "History again posed to the Vietnamese people a great responsibility not only toward our country but also toward the peoples of Kampuchea and other peoples of the world to struggle the Beijing (Peking) expansionists and hegemonists and their lackeys."

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POT REPLACED: Cambodian Khmer Rouge leaders have ousted the notorious Pol Pot (left) and named the more moderate Khieu Samphan their new premier in an attempt to improve their world image. But diplomats in Thailand have greeted the announcement with skepticism and see it as cosmetic.

**To offset Soviets in Asia****U.S. urged to align with China**

SANTA MONICA, California, Dec. 28 (AP) — The Soviet Union will be the major source of future trouble in Asia and therefore the United States should develop a security relationship with China, according to a Rand Corp. report released Friday.

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United States and the states of Western Europe will come under greater pressure to ally themselves with People's Republic of China to counter Moscow's increasingly assertive foreign policy," the report says.

Conference chairman Richard Solomon said a continued growth in the Soviet threat would bring great changes for security affairs in the region. A loose coalition that already exists between the Western and China might acquire the characteristics of a defense alliance.

Conference members said there is still considerable distrust of China's motives, but that the Soviet Union has the concerns, capabilities and the record of initiatives that make it the country to most likely challenge Asian security in the next decade.

Asian leaders fear the Soviet Union may soon be able to threaten the security of their sea lanes and that it could acquire bases in Vietnam, the report said.

The report said another area that could cause tension and conflict in the 1980s is the continuity of leadership. Dramatized by the recent assassination of South Korea's president, Park Chung-hee.

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Mrs. Gandhi denies receiving campaign money from abroad

NEW DELHI, Dec. 28 (R) — Former Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi had denied allegations that she had withdrawn huge sums of money from Swiss banks for next week's general election, the United News of India (UNI) news agency reported Friday.

The allegations were made by caretaker Premier Charan Singh who said Wednesday he would order an inquiry. The opposition Janata Party also accused Mrs. Gandhi of receiving money from unknown foreign sources.

UNI quoted Mrs. Gandhi as telling an election meeting Thursday in the southern Indian town of Nagercoil, "My income tax accounts are open unlike those of the people who are accusing me."

She addressed rallies in Tamil Nadu state and accused rightwing elements in the Janata Party of using Jagjivan Ram as "a kind of cover."

Ram, the Janata Party leader, had to call off a campaign meeting Wednesday night because of exhaustion.

The 71-year-old Ram, worn out after a strenuous campaign tour

through central India, was too tired to address a scheduled meeting in Bombay.

But Janata Party officials said the Harijans (Untouchables) leader should be fit enough to continue campaigning for the January 3 and 6 elections Thursday.

Meanwhile, in Shillong, capital of Meghalaya state, police Thursday arrested three members of the state legislative assembly in connection with recent agitation in the state.

Eleven people have been killed in recent clashes in the north-eastern state between local people and outsiders, mainly Bangladeshis and Indians from neighboring West Bengal.

Local people want outsiders' names struck off the electoral rolls for the elections.

In similar agitation in nearby Assam state, students and other demonstrators began a three-day non-cooperation movement paralyzing work in government offices.

The demonstrators are demanding postponement of the elections in all 14 constituencies in the state because of the outsiders issue.

Anger mounts in Belgium after doctors stop work

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Three Mile Island plant sued over stillborn child

HARRISBURG, Pennsylvania, Dec. 28 (AP) — Convinced that their stillborn baby was killed by radiation from the Three Mile Island accident, a couple has filed suit in U.S. District Court against the nuclear power plant owners and designers.

Edward and Perri Kick of Manchester, Pennsylvania, are seeking more than \$30,000 in compensatory and punitive damages from Metropolitan Edison (Met Ed), operator of the plant; General Public Utilities, owner; and Babcock and Wilcox, the

designer.

Kick, a self-employed salesman, and his wife have a 21-month-old son. Mrs. Kick, 32, was about four months pregnant March 28 the day of the accident.

She had a stillborn daughter, Tracey, Aug. 29.

Mrs. Kick contended many people in her area lost children after the accident. Her rural home is 3.2 miles from the plant, which is about 10 miles from Harrisburg.

Mrs. Kick said she called Met Ed one day after the emergency

began and was told not to worry.

Private sector invited to help**Nicaragua announces cabinet reshuffle**

MANAGUA, Dec. 28 (AP) — The junta governing Nicaragua has announced a realigned cabinet and said it is looking towards the private sector to help with the country's economic planning.

Junta member Daniel Ortega Saavedra said Thursday the cabinet changes were made because of the "necessity to reactivate the economy and national production."

"Now that the majority of the country's means of production are in the hands of the people or the state, it was necessary to plan a

political economy in which the Nicaraguan private sector also participates," he said.

The junta divided the former ministry of economy, industry and commerce into three separate ministries of interior commerce, exterior commerce and industry.

A young wheat industrialist, Fernando Guzman, was appointed minister of industry. He will be responsible for administering the people's industrial corporation, which includes businesses expropriated from the family of former President Anastasio Som-

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The stoppage was called for Thursday and Friday by Spain's largest unions, the Communist-led Workers Commissions and the Socialist Orders' General Union.

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A Middle East Balance Sheet for the United States (3)

Washington Bureau

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is the third and last instalment of a new study by the Palestine Arab Delegation in New York, which represents the Beirut-based Arab Higher Committee for Palestine. The study was prepared under the direction of Issa Nakhleh, chairman of the Palestine Arab Delegation and permanent representative of the Arab Higher Committee in New York.

POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS

No single group operating within the United States has as much influence upon the political decision-making process as does the Zionist lobby. It has traditionally been able to control Congress in large part because of the tremendous wealth at its disposal and the support proffered to the Jewish-controlled media. Using these tools in the very strategic area of the United States policy in the Middle East, the Jewish lobby has been able to thwart real American interests.

The Zionist lobby is able to muster extremely extensive letter writing, long distance telephone call-in, and telegram campaigns at the drop of a proverbial hat. This is made possible by the wealth of the Jewish community in this country and the willingness of its members to contribute large sums of money to the different Zionist organizations involved in such lobbying efforts. The entire operation is streamlined because so many of the groups have a tax-exempt status meaning the monetary contributions they solicit become deductible for the person making the donation.

Over the years these groups have been generous in giving large honorariums for speeches by supportive politicians. Obviously, this sort of liaison is difficult to repress. Unfortunately, the American people little realize how much they are paying, directly and indirectly, to be deceived.

The work of the lobby is revealed to be even more oppressive when it is realized control of the media means stories in the news can even be orchestrated to appear that letters, telephone calls, and telegrams are a genuine outpouring of public opinion on the issue being considered. In reality, these "voices" are merely a small, special interest group operating with great efficiency under highly skilled leadership.

As a result of the reckless use of such leadership and power, the Zionists have cost the United States taxpayers billions of dollars for the military support of Israel when peace could have been easily attainable instead. The American consumer pays more for oil today because of the blind support by politicians for the goal of the Zionist lobby - which works for a foreign power.

Furthermore, if the Zionist influence continues to grow, there will be more unemployment in America. Anti-Arab activities by Zionists make it increasingly difficult for American dealings with the Arab World which means fewer orders for American products from that important market. Add to this the intense Zionist efforts to prevent Arabs from investing in the American economy and the potential economic cost of the Zionist lobby's political activities are very significant.

Zionist acts not only disturb America's Middle East policy but adversely affect United States relations with the Soviet Union. For instance, the intense public pressure upon the Soviet treatment of dissidents has angered the Soviet Union and caused them to be less cooperative in dealings with America.

Furthermore, such activity by the lobby appears to have contributed to the American government's decision to publicly pressure the Russians to change their position on the treatment of dissidents. This in turn led the Kremlin to seemingly take an even harder line with these individuals and the United States, in the eyes of most of the remainder of the world, looked foolishly impotent. The existence of such perceptions is hardly in the national interest of the country.

Agitation about Soviet Jews has brought the United States and the Soviet Union back into a de facto cold war which is in the best interests of no one. It has also resulted in important trade agreements either being negated or not even discussed, meaning lost potential jobs for Americans and greater difficulties for the United States citizens attempting to conduct business in the Soviet Union.

Even traditional Western European friends have become targets of the American Jewish lobbies. For example, ever since France changed its Middle Eastern policy to a more rational and just approach, there has been considerable effort by Israel supporters to poison relations between the United States and Paris. This is particularly serious because of France's crucial role in the event of hostilities in Europe.

It is ironic that the Israeli lobbyists label the French as merchants of death because of the sale of French arms to the Arab countries, yet no such concern is voiced over the massive shipment of American weapons to Israel. For that matter, there seems to be a paucity of heed over Israel's sale of arms to such places as South Africa.

It is readily apparent the ledger shows a highly negative toll as the result of Zionist political lobbies in the United States. Correspondingly, nothing of positive value to America as a whole can be found with such activity.

Comparatively, the Arab states have not set out to develop any large scale lobby effort in the United States, which probably explains why American-Middle East policies are so often held hostage by the Zionists. Consequently, little can be shown on a balance sheet to evaluate the Arab efforts although it could be argued that the lack of activity by the Arab supporters is a negative factor because there is no alternative lobby to effectively challenge the Zionists.

MORAL CONSIDERATIONS

If any nation is to be a world power in any ultimate sense, and hopes to transcend the challenges by totalitarian and spiritless competitors, then its moral and ethical standards must be beyond reproach. Therefore, it is essential to examine United States support for Israel within the context of the American principles and to be certain such support does not contradict those moral foundations upon which the United States was built.

Briefly, the United States opposes the acquisition of territories by conquest of any type. This principle is carefully adhered to in the many international agreements to which the United States has become signatory, including the Charter of the United Nations.

In addition, the United States has long been the champion of the right of people to enjoy the option of self-determination. The principles of Woodrow Wilson and the idealism surrounding his concepts are highly revered and it is not surprising that the United States is a defender of human rights throughout the world. Though some might argue America's present human rights campaign is too aggressive, they must acknowledge the attempt to bring about improvement in the treatment of humanity is a rather typical type of American commitment.

Thus it is within that context the American policy of supporting Israel must be examined. While the emphasis must be on moral grounds, it is essential to also consider some of the practical aspects of that policy.

First of all, the legitimacy of the very establishment of the state of Israel should be called into question. Israel's nationhood materialized on the heels of a violent campaign of Jewish terrorism which perpetrated the murder and forcible displacement of millions of Palestinians.

A crime was committed against an entire people—a crime rivaled in scope only by the atrocities committed by the Nazis against the Jews.

Israel: A Liability The Arab World: An Asset

The political arrangements preceding and attendant to Israel's establishment were accomplished with no regard for the wishes of the people indigenous to the land in question. Immigration decisions, settlements, partition, etc. were all made by outside powers with no proper regard to the self-determination of the Palestinians.

Even today various human rights of the Palestinians in Israel continue to be ignored. First among these are the most elemental of "human" rights: freedom from torture, freedom from terrorism, and the right of families to be reunited and to remain together. In Israel, and especially the occupied territories, Palestinians who are suspected of collaboration with such groups as the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) may be routinely arrested and tortured for the extraction of information.

Palestinian villages, competing with Zionist settlements in the occupied territory for such scarce resources as water, have been razed by Israeli bulldozers or simply denied adequate water supplies. Efforts by Palestinian residents to make improvements on their homes have been systematically thwarted by new Israeli settlers in an effort to drive these people from their homes and from the occupied territories in general. Additional rooms constructed on existing homes to accommodate new children in the family have been torn down by Israeli military heavy equipment.

It has been a consistent policy of Israeli military occupying authorities to disrupt Palestinian family and economic life through the use of identity cards as passports for both internal and external travel. By making it extremely difficult for those who have left the occupied territory to return, families have been forcibly separated and Palestinian businesses have been disrupted—all as part of the campaign to force Palestinian emigration.

While Israelis loudly demand civil rights for themselves, the same rights are denied the Palestinians. Having little or no self-determination and lacking full representation in any legitimate and sovereign constituent assembly, Palestinians may properly be said to enjoy no real political rights.

All of this behavior has been justified in one way or another by Israeli authorities as being conducted in the interests of "Israeli national security." The question arises here as to what constitutes "national", what constitutes "security", and what constitutes a legitimate "threat" to this security.

The answer to what is "national", of course, might be found by defining what territory does, and/or should constitute the state of Israel. If we assume Israel, as it has been constructed, is an illegitimate entity in the first place, then "national security" considerations are likewise illegitimate and therefore irrelevant. If we assume that Israel in some form or other, e.g. pre-1967 borders, is legitimate, then such "national security" operations such as the bulldozing of Palestinian homes on the West Bank are illegitimate.

The matter of what constitutes "security" poses the additional question of whether such "security" measures as are taken should be for actually making Israel secure or merely for the purpose of making the Israeli government "feel" secure. To accommodate Israeli "feelings" is to accept some of the prevailing myths such as the alleged necessity of having extra territory as "security" buffers.

The fact that territory cannot provide security was proved conclusively by the breaching of such a "defensible border" as the Suez Canal in 1973. In reality, true security can be achieved only through legitimate peace settlement with all the parties concerned—i.e., any party that might possess the power to render the Israeli situation "insecure"—and this must certainly include the Palestinians. The key issue here, then, is the original one—the legitimacy of the state of Israel—and the degree to which that legitimacy is questioned by forces powerful enough to pose a threat to Israel's security.

Thus far, Israeli policy has been to attempt to divide, disperse, and exterminate that threat. But what does this mean? It means the division, dispersion, expatriation, terrorism, and murder of the Palestinian people. Is this a legitimate and moral goal the United States can condone?

American support for this Israeli policy can be questioned as well on grounds of United States national interest. In short, the United States has three primary interests in the Middle East: 1) the maintenance of good political and economic relations with most Arab countries for access to oil, petro-dollars, and strategic benefits; 2) the exclusion of the Soviet Union from influence anywhere in the area; and 3) the prevention of war in the area which could erupt into a larger, global conflict, and disrupt American oil supplies, not to mention drain the United States of the resources—both financial and military—which would go to subsidize the Israeli side of such a war.

The Israeli policy of dispersing and exterminating the Palestinians constitutes the very sort of provocation which, if supported by the United States, can jeopardize all three of the United States interests. That this Israeli behavior antagonizes all the Arab states there can be no doubt.

As for the Soviets, the Arabs have no need for them whatsoever—except as a source of military supplies. So long as the United States continues to support the Israeli policy, the Soviets will find a market among the Arabs. Finally, Israeli policy has so far provoked four Middle East wars. Unless it changes and attempts to deal with the question of Palestinian legitimacy and self-determination, more wars are in the offing. So as long as the United States continues support of this policy, it will suffer all the adverse effects of such war.

War will inevitably bring with it serious economic ramifications of the type that follow embargoes. There will follow a weakening of the national security of the many Western nations, particularly the United States, which rely on Arab oil. If the pattern of the last Middle East war is repeated, there will be a critical and highly expensive draw upon American military supplies, and the Soviet Union and the United States could come into direct confrontation with each other. Ultimately, America's moral foundations will again be shaken and its international respect seriously undermined.

Thus it is apparent Israel's activities are largely in dissonance with the policies followed by the United States in the all-important arena of national morality. Israel violates the very basic standards that America has tried so hard to uphold. Surprisingly, the Zionist state is doing to the Palestinians much of what the Nazis did to the Jews. It is most ironic that a people having suffered so much so recently would consistently perpetrate heinous crimes against another people who are militarily weaker.

On the Arab side, little can be said except those states are attempting to rectify the situation caused by Israeli aggression. Their fight to keep the

world aware of what the Israelis have done and are doing is wholly inconsistent with the American concept of human rights and self-determination. The Arabs did not let the world forget about the Palestinians even though the Zionists attempted to convince the rest of the world the Palestinians did not exist.

Now the Arab states are continuing their reasonable efforts to guarantee the Palestinian people will have the right to their own country where they can determine the course of their own future. These Arab states are, in a manner highly consistent with American ethics, working diligently to make certain the Israelis do not get away with projecting the image of giving the Palestinian people self-rule while really only allowing them to operate their own school, postal offices, and telephone systems, all of which are subject to ultimate Israeli control and abuse. Likewise, the Arab countries are also valiantly opposing the establishment of additional illegal Jewish colonies which can only further deprive indigenous Palestinians of their basic rights.

Thus, in an ultimate sense, the ledger sheet in terms of moral considerations shows that Israel is a very definite liability with scant assets. Comparatively, what the Arabs are trying to accomplish squares very well with American concepts of morality among and within national boundaries and the right of each group to freely determine its future.

Unfortunately and ironically, the very efforts being exerted by the Arab states are made necessary because of the United States support for Israel which has made Israel so powerful it appears to defy any nation, even the United States, to challenge its right to continue such abhorrent actions. It is most damaging to the American image on the international scene to argue for human rights and demand them in such countries as the Soviet Union and parts of Africa—while supporting Israel, a Zionist state whose actions make America an accessory to War Crimes, Crimes against Humanity, and the Crime of Genocide against the Palestinian people.

CONCLUSION

Based upon the previous brief discussion, it is apparent that America's relations with Israel and the Arab states cannot be justified when examined in ledger sheet manner. The startling facts reveal that American support for Israel is nearly always a liability, while closer American-Arab relations usually earn a place on the assets side of the sheet. Perhaps this is the reason Israel and its awesome lobby so vigorously opposes anything that would enable the American people to better understand the Middle East or that would allow more Arab activity within the United States.

Consequently, it is essential that steps be taken to place the facts in the hands of the American people. If direct dealings with the media continue to be fruitless, other avenues of mass communication must be utilized.

In the meantime, however, it is imperative that pressure be brought to bear upon the members of Congress and the Executive Branch of government to change American policy in the Middle East so it will be consistent with United States interests in the area.

To accomplish this consistency, the United States government must adopt a firm position that includes a declaration of neutrality in the Arab-Israeli dispute and termination of all economic and military assistance to the Zionist state of Israel.

In addition, all political support of Israel should be halted and a vigorous American effort should be commenced whereby the United States uses its influences to be certain the principles of international law, justice, and human rights prevail in the Middle East.

Only by adopting such a course of action can the United States extricate itself from the economic, moral, political, and military morass in which it now finds itself because of longtime, wrongful support for the aggressive, criminal actions of the Zionist state of Israel.

AN APPEAL TO THE SENSE OF JUSTICE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

The Arab Higher Committee for Palestine is publishing this survey as a public service to the American people. We believe that the United States and the Arab World have important political, military, economic, strategic, moral, and idealistic common interests and purposes.

We are placing the facts and figures in this *Middle East Balance Sheet for the United States* with the hope that the readers will know the truth.

It is the duty of each American citizen who cares about his country and its future, and about the future of the free world, to read this survey.

The United States Middle East policy is dictated by Zionist-Jewish pressure groups in the United States who are agents of Israel. Former Senator J. William Fulbright, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee of the United States Senate, stated on the CBS television program "Face the Nation," on April 15, 1973: "The United States Senate is subservient to Israel... Israel controls the Senate... The great majority of the Senate of the United States... somewhere around 80 percent... are completely in support of Israel, anything Israel wants... This has been demonstrated time and again and this has made it difficult for the government."

In a recent interview with CBS-TV network, George Kennan, former U.S. Ambassador to the Soviet Union, stated: "The United States Government represents the interests of the portion of the population which can speak loudest or bring the heaviest pressure on Congress." In reference to the Middle East situation, he stated: "America must recover the full independence from at least the lobbyists in this country before we can treat this question as it should be treated... Once we declare our independence, and once we can act on behalf of the country as a whole, and its interests, then I would like us to show the greatest deference to the need for serving the existence of the state of Israel."

We appeal to the United States Administration and Congress to reconsider U.S. Middle East policy and to adopt the following course:

1. Suspend all economic, financial, and military aid to Israel;
2. Declare its evenhandedness and complete neutrality between the Arab States, and the Palestinians on the one hand and Israel on the other.
3. The United States, in its position of neutrality, and as a friend of Arabs and Jews, should use its influence inside and outside the United Nations for achieving a just and lasting peace in the Middle East by solving the Palestine problem, the core of this trouble and bloodshed in the Middle East, on the basis of the principles of international law and justice and the right of self-determination.

The Arabs have never done the United States any harm. It is politically unwise, immoral and inhuman that the United States should adopt a policy which aids and abets Israel in its continuing aggression, expansion and domination in the heart of the Arab world thereby perpetuating the Crime of Genocide against the Palestinian people.

Issa Nakhleh
Chairman, Palestine Arab Delegation
Permanent Representative of the Arab
Higher Committee for Palestine.

Economic predictions tend to be pessimistic as '70s draw to end

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (AP) — "Button up your overcoat," says one of the biggest American commercial banks, "all the evidence points to a renewed slow-down this winter" in the United States economy.

"How long and how far this slide continues," adds Citibank of New York in its economic letter of December 1979, "depends to some extent on whether the self-defeating forces of recession gather momentum, and on events in the Middle East."

At this time of the year, not only Citibank, but economists everywhere are now yielding to that usual urge to peer into their crystal balls and predict the events of the year to come.

China confirms finding oil in contested offshore area

HONG KONG, Dec. 28 (AP) — China has confirmed a large oil strike apparently in the contested waters of the Gulf of Tonkin, despite "interference and sabotage" by the Soviet Union and Vietnam.

A Christmas Day broadcast from Hainan Island, which was made available here Thursday, reported that industrial oil and gas in relatively large quantities and of relatively good quality had been found near Hainan Island and elsewhere.

Though the broadcast did not give a specific location, it appeared to confirm published reports in October that the South China Sea Oil Prospecting Bureau had discovered high-quality crude on the Chinese side of the sea border with Vietnam.

Foreign Exchange Rates

| Quoted at 7:00 P.M. Wednesday | | | |
|-------------------------------|--------|-----------|----------|
| | SAMA | Cash | Transfer |
| U.S. Dollar | 3.37 | 3.377 | 3.3725 |
| Pound Sterling | | 7.49 | 7.48 |
| Deutsche Mark (100) | 196.00 | 196.00 | 195.80 |
| Swiss F (100) | 215.00 | 213.05 | 214.00 |
| French F (100) | 84.00 | 83.80 | 83.80 |
| Italian Lira (10,000) | 42.00 | 42.00 | 42.00 |
| Lebanese Lira (100) | | 104.00 | 104.00 |
| Syrian Lira (100) | | 78.50 | 86.90 |
| Egyptian Pound | | 4.52 | 4.50 |
| Kuwaiti Dinar | | 12.35 | 12.35 |
| Saudi Arabian Dinar | | 11.40 | 11.40 |
| Emirates Dirham (100) | | 89.60 | 89.60 |
| Qatari Riyal (100) | | 89.50 | 89.50 |
| Bahraini Dinar | | 8.95 | 8.95 |
| Rijal Riyal (100) | | 26.00 | — |
| Raqi Dinar (100) | | 10.00 | — |
| Yemeni Riyal (100) | | 74.50 | 74.10 |
| Moroccan Dirham (100) | | 82.00 | 89.50 |
| Indian Rupee (100) | | — | 42.00 |
| Pakistani Rupee (100) | | — | 34.18 |
| Gold kg. | | 54,350.00 | — |
| 10 Tolas bar | | 6,350.00 | — |
| Silver kg. | | — | — |
| Japanese Yen (1,000) | 14.41 | — | 14.65 |
| Canadian Dollar | 2.87 | 3.00 | — |
| Belgian Franc (1,000) | 120.00 | 119.00 | — |
| Dutch Guilder (1,000) | 177.00 | 177.00 | 177.00 |
| Spanish Peso | | 51.00 | 51.00 |
| Greek Drachma (1,000) | | 82.00 | — |
| Philippines Peso (1,000) | | — | 47.00 |
| Singapore | | — | 1.57 |

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PORTS AUTHORITY JEDDAH ISLAMIC PORT. SHIPS MOVEMENTS UP TO 0700 HOURS ON THE 27TH DECEMBER, 1979

| SHIP | AGENT | CARGO | ARRIVAL |
|-----------------------|------------|----------------------|----------|
| Strider Juno | H.X.C. | Ro Ro Units | 26-12-79 |
| Nissan Maru | A.E.T. | Vehicles | 26-12-79 |
| Badr | Baroon | Durra | 21-12-79 |
| Hamid | Fayez | Durra | 26-12-79 |
| Atlantic Rorast (Bgl) | Kano | Flour/Steel/Rice/Gen | 9-12-79 |
| Europa II | S.S.M.S.C. | Sorghum/General | 21-12-79 |
| Euro Ferry | Gulf | Sugar | 18-12-79 |
| Char Ming | Abdullah | Steel/General | 24-12-79 |
| Achilles | Rolaco | Bulk Cement | 24-12-79 |
| Maida | Alsbah | Bulk Cement | 23-12-79 |
| London Baron | Anso | Cement/General | 26-12-79 |
| Frigo Harmony | Star | Reefer | 26-12-79 |
| Paraghis Lourin | Sipha | Barley | 26-12-79 |
| Khalil Star | OCE | Reefer | 24-12-79 |
| Silver Bay | Alsbah | Rice/Flour | 22-12-79 |
| Hual Orchid | A.E.T. | Vehicles | 26-12-79 |
| Papagayo Universal | Star | Reefer | 23-12-79 |
| Algenib | Kano | Loading M/Ty Conts | 26-12-79 |
| Bin Sina | Kano | General Loading M/Ty | 27-12-79 |
| Johnny K | Alpha | Timber | 26-12-79 |
| Scapelli | S.C.S.A. | Wheat/Barley | 14-12-79 |
| Santa Bella | Kano | Rice/General | 26-12-79 |
| Anagel Peace | Orr | Barley | 22-12-79 |

| SHIP | AGENT | CARGO | ARRIVAL |
|---------------|----------|--------------------|----------|
| Char Loong | Abdullah | To Load M/Ty Conts | 26-12-79 |
| Porto Frio | O.C.E. | Reefer | 26-12-79 |
| Santa Bella | Kano | General/Rice | 26-12-79 |
| Strider Juno | H.S.S.C. | Ro Ro Units | 26-12-79 |
| Hual Orchid | A.E.T. | Vehicles | 26-12-79 |
| Johnny K | Alpha | Timber | 26-12-79 |
| London Baron | Anso | Cement/General | 26-12-79 |
| Amal | BaAboud | General | 26-12-79 |
| Paraghis | Rolaco | To Load Cement | 26-12-79 |
| Al Genib | Kano | To Load M/Ty Conts | 26-12-79 |
| Frigo Harmony | Star | Reefer | 26-12-79 |
| Bin Sina | Kano | Containers | 27-12-79 |

KING ABDUL AZIZ PORT, DAMMAM SHIP MOVEMENTS UP TO 0700 HOURS OF 8/2/1400/27/12/1979 — CHANGES PAST 24 HOURS

| SHIP | AGENT | CARGO | ARRIVAL |
|------------------|--------|---------------------|----------|
| Ocean Security | AET | Gen/Conts | 25-12-79 |
| Dong Suh | UEP | Pipe/Steel | 24-12-79 |
| Bin Bessan | Kano | General | 25-12-79 |
| Angis Hellanic | Alsbah | Steel Pipe/Tires | 25-12-79 |
| Arab Alhijaz | SCSA | General | 25-12-79 |
| New Beach | Gulf | Loading Urea | 19-12-79 |
| Taronga | Barber | Gen/Conts | 20-12-79 |
| Marilyn L | Gulf | Steel Products | 25-12-79 |
| Barge Oz — 115 | Gulf | To Load | 25-12-79 |
| Ever Safety | Gosalt | Gen/Conts/Cement | 24-12-79 |
| Maldiva Star | UEP | Rice/Barley In Bags | 23-12-79 |
| Criant Trader | UEP | Super In Bags | 19-12-79 |
| Man Nuri | —OCE | General | 20-12-79 |
| Asio Samho | Gulf | Gen/Steel | 20-12-79 |
| Azoregus Valley | SAC | Frozen Chicken | 25-12-79 |
| Kocall | UEP | Barley | 13-12-79 |
| Primavera (D.B.) | S.M.C. | Bulk Cement | 19-12-79 |
| Bedou | Orr | Barley In Bags | 25-12-79 |

To hold conference Egypt to raise Suez rates

CAIRO, Dec. 28 (AP) — Egypt has invited navigation authorities of 96 countries to a meeting in March at the Suez Canal headquarters in Ismailia to discuss increasing shipping rates, the newspaper *Al-Ahram* reported.

The newspaper quoted Mas-hour Ahmed Mashhour, chairman of the 161-kilometer waterway, as saying the United States and the Soviet Union were among the countries invited.

The newspaper gave no further details beyond saying that international oil companies including Shell and British Petroleum have begun contacts with the canal authority to arrange for passage of their supertankers after completion of the current \$1.2 billion expansion project next year.

The project aims at deepening

the waterway from 11.4 to 16.5 meters and widening it to make two-way traffic possible.

The planned hike would be the second since canal reopened in 1975. In July last year, rates on dry goods shipped through the canal were raised by up to 50 per cent, but oil cargos were not affected.

Canal transit rates are calculated in Special Drawing Rights, or SDRs, a system used to average out currency fluctuations. One SDR equals about \$1.315.

Current rates are 2.42 SDRs for the first one thousand Suez Canal met tons. On the sliding scale for dry goods fees, the cost decreases to two SDR for the next 4,000 tons and is \$1.611 for all amounts thereafter.

Most of Africa seen hit by economic depression

LONDON, Dec. 28 (R) — Serious food shortages, high inflation and a low return on exports are forecast for much of Africa next year in a report from the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA).

In a message telexed to Reuters Friday Adebayo Adedeji, executive secretary of the commission, said that despite substantial

Liftings to resume at Emirates oilfield

ABU DHABI, Dec. 28 (R) — Oil production is to be resumed at al-Budaiqa oilfield, shut down several months ago for technical reasons, the official United Arab Emirates news agency Wam said.

Production will start at 5,000 barrels a day and rise to an average 30,000 barrels, Wam quoted Petroleum Minister Mane Al-Oteiba as saying.

increases in agricultural investment and irrigation, many parts of West, Central, Southern and East Africa face serious food shortages.

He contrasted the economic performances of Nigeria, Libya, Algeria and Gabon, all oil-exporters which he said will show a high trade surplus in 1979, with that of the rest of developing Africa.

There the high cost of imports, particularly of oil, coupled with low export prices, had kept inflation at 21 per cent annually since 1976, with Ghana, Uganda and Zaire particularly badly hit.

The report forecast no improvement in the \$10.6 billion trade deficit which the non oil exporters recorded last year, and said real per capita income in those countries, which had increased by only one per cent annually over the past decade, will continue to stagnate.

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

| Authority | Description | No. of Tender | Price SR | Closing Date |
|--|--|---------------|----------|--------------|
| Municipality of Medina | Operation, repairs and maintenance of three power generators at schools in Afaj area | 1 | 100 | Dec. 29 |
| " " " | Construction of Fairouziah park | | 500 | Dec. 29 |
| " " " | Asphalting and paving of roads and building of lavatories (A) | | 5000 | Dec. 29 |
| " " " | " " " (B) | | 5000 | Dec. 29 |
| Directorate General of Telegraph and Telex, Mecca Zone | Asphalting, paving and lighting of streets in Buraidah (second stage) | | 1000 | Dec. 30 |

By leading banker

Swiss '80 economy seen sound

GENEVA, Dec. 28 (AP) — Fritz Leutwiler, president of the Swiss National Bank, has forecast "modest growth" and a reduced inflation rate for Switzerland in 1980 provided there was no new upsurge in oil prices.

In an interview published Thursday in the *Tribune de Geneve* newspaper, he said the Swiss gross national product was expected to increase by between one and two per cent. Inflation, now at 5.2 per cent, should decline again to between three and four per cent, he added.

Leutwiler, who accompanied Finance Minister Fritz Honegger on an official visit to Saudi Arabia this month, said he had a "certain understanding for the attitude" of the petroleum exporting countries establishing a "certain correlation" between the price of oil and of the industrial products they are importing.

"Up to now, the increases were in line with this reciprocity and in Swit-

zerland at least they permit us to live," he said. "Also, how can the energy consumption be reduced if prices remain low?"

Leutwiler said Western countries were perfectly able to absorb oil price adjustments as long as these were in an "orderly manner" and without violent shocks.

Commenting on the American sanctions against Iran, Leutwiler

Libya, Malta may agree on crude oil exploration

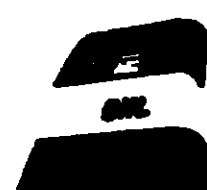
VALLETTA, Malta Dec. 28 (AP) — Malta and Libya are reported making progress toward an agreement on oil exploration rights in the Mediterranean, an issue that strained their relations earlier this year.

A high ranking official in the Maltese Foreign Ministry said before Christmas that talks had resumed and were "heading

said Swiss banks had "no interest whatsoever" to "inherit" Iranian clientele from American banks.

He said the high-level U.S. delegation which came here recently to discuss American sanctions against Iran had voiced the "understandable desire" that Swiss banks should not profit from the situation created by the freeze of Iranian funds in the United States.

There were several indications that the friendly but stormy relations between Mintoff and Libyan strongman Muammar Qaddafi were now pointing to clear weather.



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| XINANJIANG | 28-12-79 | Gen. | Shanghai |
| LAGO PUYEHUE | 28-12-79 | Gen. | Marseilles/Piraeus Laspezia/Valencia Marina De Carrara |
| MERCANDIAN COMMANDER | 30-12-79 | Gen. | Felixstowe |
| RECENT SAILING | | | |
| VESSELS | ARRIVED | SAILED | CARGO / FROM |
| DANA ATLAS | 23-12-79 | 23-12-79 | Ro-Ro / Barcelona/ Marseilles |
| MERCANDIAN TRANSPORTER | 24-12-79 | 24-12-79 | Ro-Ro / Marseilles Laghorrie |

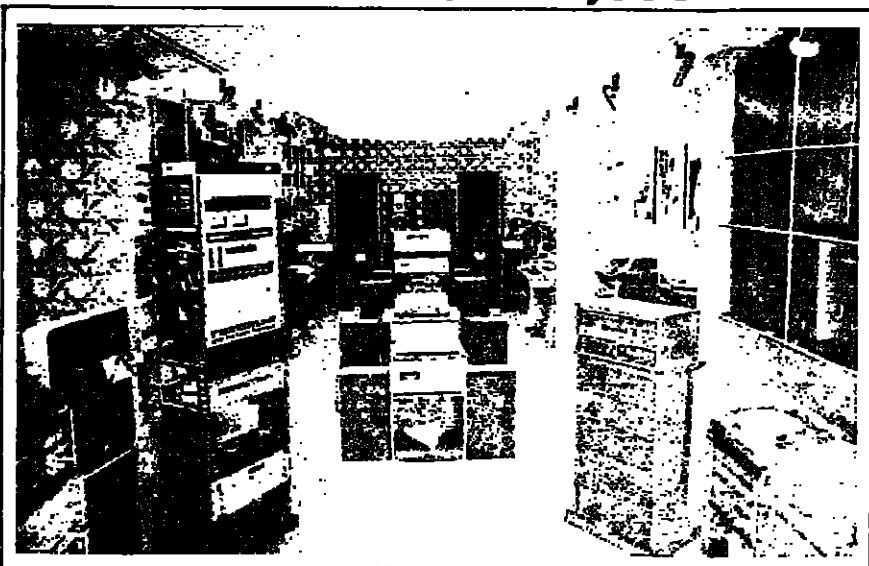
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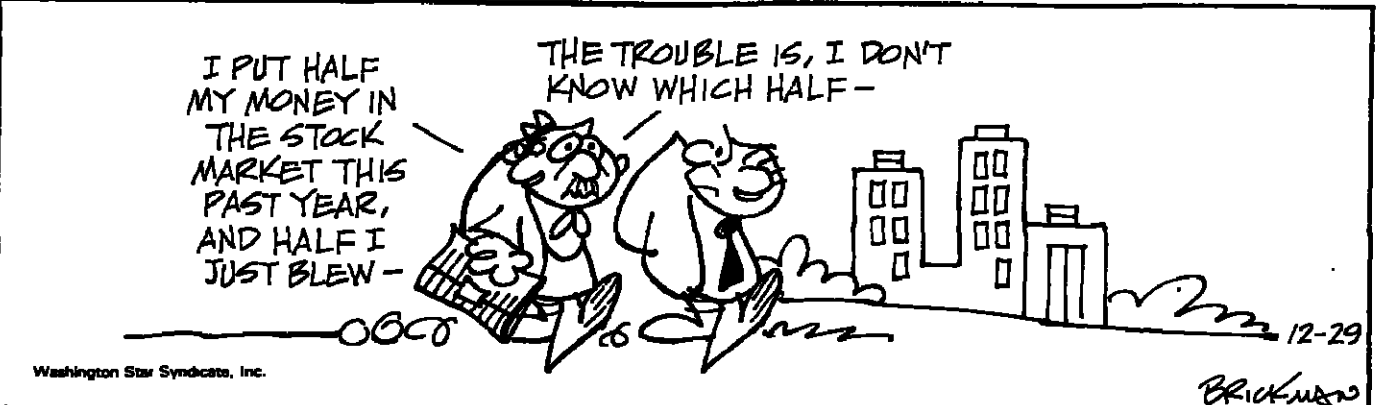
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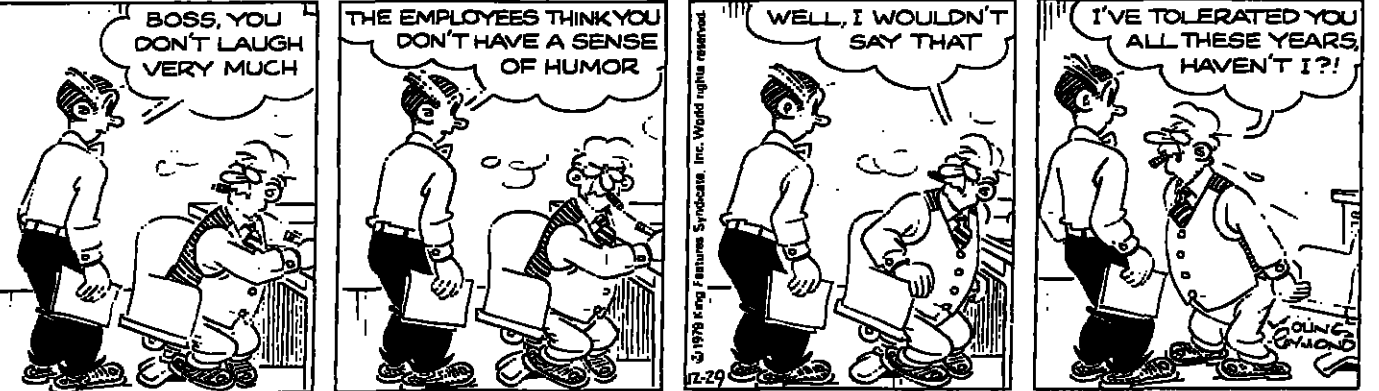
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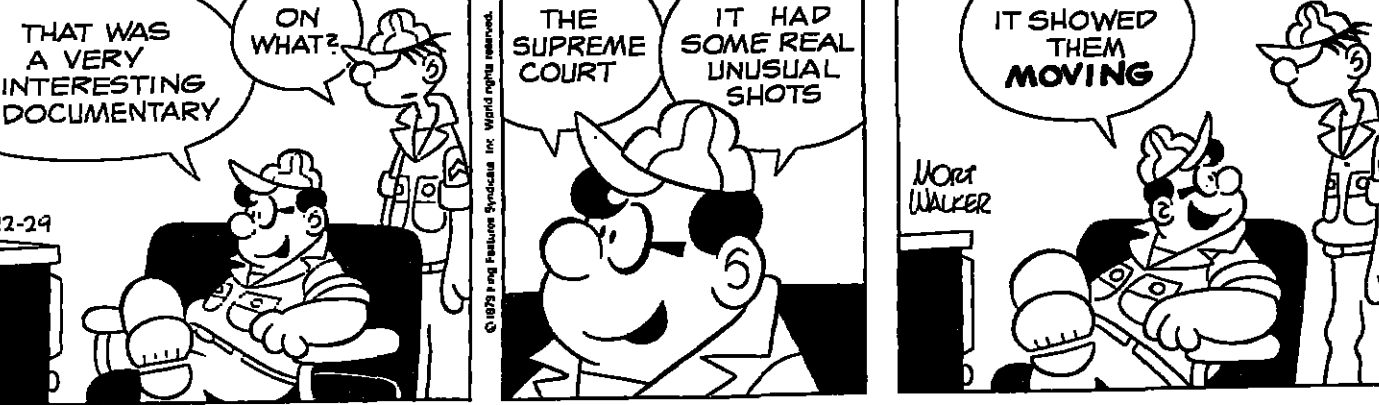
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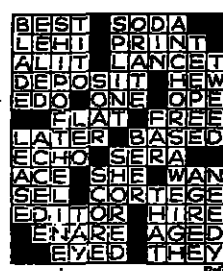
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Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS
1 Spirit
5 Son of Jacob
10 Words of
11 Stick together;
12 Italian town
13 Working girl's
14 Insect egg
15 Saloon
16 Noun suffix
17 Wood for
baseball
18 To the stern
19 Ruby or Sandra
20 Up-tight
22 Opponent
24 Palmus
25 From a distance
27 Send money
30 Poetic contraction
30 Was on the
ballot
31 Started;
poet
33 College
cheer
34 Pretend
35 Never; Ger.
36 Isolate
38 Capri,
for one
39 Ice cream
units
40 College
figure

DOWN
2 Hardy
3 or Devine
4 Goddess
of the hunt
6 Support
7 Create
a trend
8 Hawaiian
game
9 On one's
toes
10 Red or
black
11 Corvet
12 Tied
13 Let
14 Irritate
15 Diamond
point
16 Conjunction
17 Farn
18 animal
19 Church
season
20 Taking
it easy
21 Brazilian
river
22 Le Mans
Grand
National
23 Shadowed
30 Edwards
or Nader
32 Destitute
37 Drunkard
38 Brazilian
river



Saturday's Answer

1 Spirit
2 Hardy
3 or Devine
4 Goddess
of the hunt
5 Son of Jacob
6 Support
7 Create
a trend
8 Hawaiian
game
9 On one's
toes
10 Red or
black
11 Corvet
12 Tied
13 Let
14 Irritate
15 Diamond
point
16 Conjunction
17 Farn
18 animal
19 Church
season
20 Taking
it easy
21 Brazilian
river
22 Le Mans
Grand
National
23 Shadowed
30 Edwards
or Nader
32 Destitute
37 Drunkard
38 Brazilian
river

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE - Here's how to work it:

AXYDLBAAXR
LONGFELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

V QRKU R DGURA TJBSVWUBTU
VB AQU GUKUXRAVJBP EQVTQ QJX-
VWRFP CGVBD SJGAQ. - WVPGRUXV
Saturday's Cryptquote: WHEN WE ARE WELL WE ALL
HAVE GOOD ADVICE FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL-
TERENCE

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Contract Bridge

B. Jay Becker

Famous Hand

West dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 10 8
♥ A K 7
♦ A K 6
♣ A K Q 10 6

EAST
♠ Q J 9
♥ 5 3 2
♦ Q 10 5 2
♣ 9 7 2

WEST
♠ 3 2
♥ 10 9 6 4
♦ J 9 7 3
♣ J 8 3

EAST
♠ Q J 9
♥ 5 3 2
♦ Q 10 5 2
♣ 9 7 2

THE BIDDING:
West North East South
Pass 2♥ Pass 2♥
Pass 2NT Pass 4♥
Pass 7♥

Opening lead - three of spades.

This deal occurred during the annual European championship in the match between Finland and Belgium. Using a very artificial system, the Finnish North-South pair got to seven hearts on the bidding shown. The final contract - with a 3-3 trump fit - was obviously due to a misunderstanding. Two clubs was a natural bid indicating a powerful hand. Two hearts, though, was artificial - it showed an ace and a king, but not a heart suit.

North now marked time with two notrump, whereupon South bid four hearts. This was likewise an artificial response; it was intended as a transfer bid - commanding North to bid four spades so that he, with the stronger hand, would become declarer in spades instead of South.

But in the heat of the moment, North forgot that the leap to four hearts was artificial. He thought that South had lots of hearts in addition to the A-K of spades that South had already indicated. So, in line with this thought, North jumped to seven hearts.

South realized that North might have forgotten the convention, but decided to trust partner and pass. South hoped and expected to find a long heart suit in dummy headed by the A-K.

West, totally unaware of the misunderstanding, led a spade. Declarer thereupon cashed the A-K of spades and A-K-Q of clubs, then played the A-K of diamonds and ruffed a diamond. When he next led a spade, it did not matter whether or not West ruffed. South made the rest of the tricks on a cross-ruff and he racked up 2,210 points for making the grand slam in hearts.

It is true that a trump lead would have defeated the contract - but it would have spoiled a good story.

ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

PRAYER TIMES

| Saturday | Fajr | Ishraq | Dhahr | Assr | Maghreb | Isha |
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| 2:01 | The Holy Quran | Light Music |
| 2:05 | Gems of Guidance | 10:15 NEWS |
| 2:10 | S.A. - Historical Notes | 10:25 S.A. A. Daily Chronicle |
| 2:20 | On Islam | 1:30 Melody Makers |
| 2:30 | Hits in Germany | 11:00 Youth Welfare |
| 3:00 | NEWS | 11:10 Music |
| 3:10 | Press Review | 11:15 Hot Rock |
| 3:15 | Music | 11:45 The Golden Age |
| 3:20 | Islamic Activities | 12:00 Imp. Com & Recollections |
| 3:30 | Leaps and Bounds | 12:10 Music |
| 3:40 | Music | 12:15 Mood Music |
| 3:50 | Close Down | 12:45 A Rendezvous with dreams |
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| | 1:00 | Close Down |

VOA

| P.M. | Time | Program |
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| | Reports: Actualities | America: Letter Cultural: Letter |
| 8:30 | DateLine | 11:00 Special English: News |
| | News Summary | 11:30 Music U.S. (Jazz) |
| 9:00 | Special English: News: Feature, The Making of a Nation | VOA WORLD REPORT |
| | News Summary | Midnight |
| 9:30 | Music USA: (Standards) | 12:00 News newsmakers' voices: correspondents reports background features media comments news analyses. |
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| 10:05 | Opening: Analyses | |

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Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1979

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)
A few financial problems may be just what you need to reorganize your financial picture. Practically wise one.

Taurus (Apr. 20 to May 20)
Some difficulty now in getting along with others, but by day's end you're able to surmount troubles. Be patient and loyal.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
A night at home may be just what you need to cut down on inner tension. A slower pace may make many problems disappear.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
Some petty annoyances in the area of friendships may mean it's time for a serious talk. Show others your sincerity and you'll succeed.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)
Too many irons in the fire could muddy career efforts. Clarify objectives and then work towards their realization.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
A change in plans could get you off course. Don't let non-essentials upset you. Minimize distractions for ultimate success.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
Problems in the area of joint finances could arise now. Avoid arguments and put your heads together to find solutions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
If you're getting on each other's nerves, attending a social function may be just what you need to restore a sense of well-being.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
You may have overlooked something, and this interferes with the completion of a task. Don't berate yourself. Turn your attention elsewhere.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
Going out with someone new just to do something different may not be the answer. The p.m. finds you mending fences with a loved one.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
It's one of those days when you can't find what you're looking for. Then you make the decision to get things better organized.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)
Others seem out of synch with your mood. Consequently, you feel misunderstood. However, relations with others improve in the p.m.

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Accidental deaths mar ceasefire

Britain sets Feb. 27 for Rhodesia election

SALISBURY, Dec. 28 (R) — Britain Friday announced a general election in Rhodesia for Feb. 27 to 29.

Interim British Governor Lord Soames said 80 black seats in the parliament of an independent Zimbabwe would be voted on during three days of nationwide polling.

The election will be monitored by a British supervisory commission and monitored by about 100 Commonwealth observers.

The British-supervised election is part of an overall peace agreement negotiated during 15 weeks of talks between the Salisbury government and Patriotic Front guerrillas on

ending the country's seven-year bush war. A ceasefire was due to be formally declared at midnight Friday night.

Lord Soames said polling for 20 white seats will take place separately on Feb. 14.

Meanwhile, apprehension and uncertainty over the ceasefire arrangements increased Thursday with the deaths of three British soldiers in a helicopter crash and of guerrilla General Josiah Tongogara.

General Tongogara was commander of the armed forces of Robert Mugabe's wing of the Patriotic Front, ZANU (Zimbabwe African National Union).

He was killed in a car crash in Mozambique on Dec. 26, but the news only emerged Thursday.

British officials considered General Tongogara a key figure in ensuring the success of the peace settlement. His backing for the ceasefire was expected to encourage guerrillas to obey its rules and come in from the bush to designated assembly points.

A hero to the Patriotic Front, he was to have arrived in Salisbury Friday to help oversee the ceasefire.

A preliminary inquiry into the deaths of the three British members of the ceasefire monitoring force established that the crash of their helicopter was almost certainly an accident. It apparently hit a telegraph pole.

A single shot also hit a British transport plane as it flew over bush country but there were no casualties.

Both aircraft were involved in the dispersal of monitoring troops to the Patriotic Front's 24 rendezvous points and 16 assembly points scattered around the country.

The troops from Britain, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji and Kenya would not arrive at their final posts until late Friday afternoon to minimize the risk of accidental clashes with the guerrillas. British military officials said.

The ceasefire is the first crucial stage in the settlement plan agreed by Britain, the Patriotic Front and the former Salisbury government. It will herald a two-month election campaign which should culminate in the choice of a new government under a fresh constitution.

Implementing the ceasefire "is vital if the peace agreement is to succeed," a senior British official commented.

But many Rhodesians were sceptical Friday that it would work, pointing to a steady stream of casualties during what should have been a wind-down period in the fighting.

Corruption alleged

Trial urged for Venezuela ex-chief

CARACAS, Dec. 28 (AP) — A government investigative body ruled Thursday that former President Carlos Andres Perez and three colleagues should go on trial in connection with the scandal-ridden purchase of a ship during his administration.

In a precedent for the 20-year-old democracy, the president of the Commission for Investigation of Illicit Enrichment said the body had ruled that sufficient grounds exist for the attorney general to seek the trial of Perez and three high officials in his government.

The commission is a quasi-independent entity whose members are nominated by the Executive Branch and Congress. It was set up after the overthrow of the Marcos Perez Jimenez dictatorship to investigate cases of corruption by public officials.

Perez faces the possibility of a trial by the Supreme Court for alleged involvement in the purchase of a refrigerated freighter which government investigators say was overpriced by nearly eight million dollars.

Perez — who once said that if he left office

a rich man, he should be called a thief — served from 1974 until March of this year. He has vigorously denied any wrongdoing in the purchase of the freighter.

In the case of Perez, as a former president and senator-for-life, the attorney general must seek to have his parliamentary immunity lifted before submitting him to trial. Both the supreme court and the national congress must agree sufficient evidence exists.

The commission also ruled that there was enough evidence to try a member of Perez's cabinet and two other officials of his administration for alleged involvement in the purchase of the ship "Sierra Nevada."

The ship was taken in Norway in 1977 for \$20 million, but the commission said the real market value was \$11.8 million.

In late October the Ethics Committee of Perez's own party Democratic Action declared he was "morally and administratively responsible" for the purchase of the ship. The committee also said two high officials of his administration shared responsibility.



SWALLOWED: A Royal Air Force Puma Helicopter is loaded into a United States Air Force Galaxy. It is being sent to Rhodesia to be used to monitor the ceasefire.

Body washed ashore in England

Brilliant young pianist found dead

LONDON, Dec. 28 (AP) — The body of a man washed up on a beach was identified by police Thursday as one of England's most brilliant young pianists who had been missing for 12 days.

Terence Judd, 22, vanished from his parent's home in west London only days before he was scheduled to leave for a concert tour of the Soviet Union, where he placed fourth in the prestigious Tchaikovsky piano competition in Moscow last year.

An inquest will be held on Friday. Police sources say no foul play is suspected and the pianist may have committed suicide.

But Judd's death remains a mystery. "He had everything to live for," the pianist's father, Anthony Judd, said. "This is a tragedy not just to us, but to the music world he loved."

Judd was a serious, soft-spoken young man who hid a wry sense of humor behind his horn-rimmed glasses and curly brown hair.

Waiting until the last minute

LONDON, Dec. 28 (R) — An extra 61st second will be added to the final minute of 1979 to compensate for irregularities of the speed of the Earth's rotation on its axis and prevent possibly wide navigational errors by ships at sea.

Dr. John Pilkington, a physicist and astronomer at the Royal Observatory at Greenwich, said such "leap" seconds have to be added periodically to prevent a cumulative effect on clocks which would affect navigation.

He said, "For a mariner using a sextant, an error of one second would mean that every sighting he made would be a quarter of a mile out. And if no adjustments were made for 20 years, his sightings would be five miles out."

An authority of the Paris-based International Office of Time, a "leap" second has been added to all the world's official clocks nine times since 1972, when time was first measured by atomic clocks, which have an accuracy of one part in 100,000 million. There have been two mid-year corrections.

Before the atomic clock, individual nations slowed or speeded up their clocks annually to compensate for changes in the Earth's rotational speed.

Russia orders Ukraine writer to laborcamp

MOSCOW, Dec. 28 (R) — A second human rights activist in the Soviet Ukraine, Oees Berdnik, 53, was reported to have been given a severe labor camp sentence in what appears to be a crackdown on dissent in the republic.

Berdnik, a member of the Ukrainian "Helsinki" group, was sentenced to six years rigorous detention to be followed by three years internal exile, dissident leader Andrei Sakharov said.

Berdnik, a science fiction writer, was sentenced in Kiev after being found guilty of anti-Soviet propaganda. Dr. Sakharov said, KGB security police who arrested Berdnik found documents in his house and two books written by him which were apparently used in evidence.

Yuri Kirvin, another member of the Ukrainian group established to monitor Soviet compliance with its human rights pledges, was given a three-year hard labor sentence for resisting authority this month.

A third man, Marxist historian Yuri Badzyo, aged 43, was jailed for seven years and given five years exile on Dec. 21 on charges of anti-Soviet activities.

Badzyo was said to have had no dissident contacts but dissident sources said he had lost favor with the authorities after officially complaining to the Ukrainian Writers Congress seven years ago about the arrest of authors.

A recent statement from the "Helsinki" group, signed by 10 people, has complained of a "growing atmosphere of terror and a determined drive by the authorities against dissidents in the Ukraine."

Gen. Haig takes over United Technologies

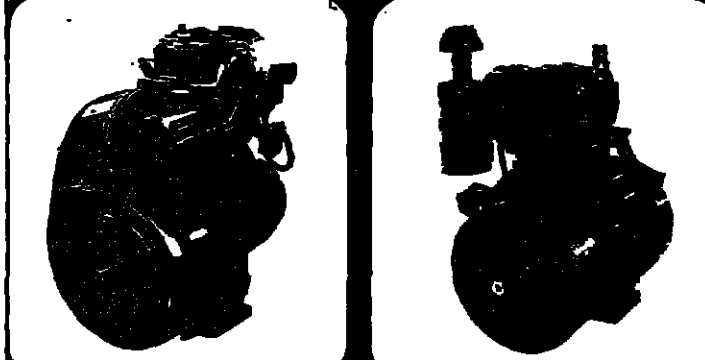
HARTFORD, Connecticut, Dec. 28 (R) — General Alexander Haig, former Supreme Allied Commander in Europe who last week announced his decision not to run for president in the 1980 election, has been appointed president and chief operating officer of United Technologies Corporation, the company has announced.

United Technologies, a diversified manufacturer of products from jet engines to lifts, said General Haig, 55, will replace Harry Gray, who will retain the posts of chairman and chief executive officer.

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U.S. merchant sailing ship wrecked in Atlantic storm

WESTHAMPTON, New York, Dec. 28 (AP) — The John F. Leavitt, the United States' first sailing cargo ship in four decades, sank 150 miles southeast of Cape Cod, Massachusetts, on Thursday during its maiden voyage, the U.S. Coast Guard in New York said.

The nine people aboard the 97-foot vessel, including what was reported to be a five-member film crew, were rescued by helicopters from Westhampton Beach on Long Island.

The wind-powered ship left Quincy, Massachusetts, about 10 days ago, according to the Coast Guard. The Coast Guard said the vessel was carrying oversized lumber and was en route to Haiti when it sank.

The wooden, twin-masted **Fastnet panel reveals plans to make boats safer**

LONDON, Dec. 28 (R) — The organizers of the Fastnet International Yacht Race are studying ways of improving safety standards after the tragedy in August in which 15 people died, the Royal Ocean Racing Club (RORC) said Friday.

An independent inquiry report published earlier this month criticized safety equipment and boat design but said the real cause of the disaster was the "violence of the sea, an unrelenting danger faced by all who sail."

The race, from the south English coast to the Fastnet Rock at the southern tip of Ireland and back, was torn apart by winds of up to 30 mph.

The RORC said special committees would consider methods of making hatches, cockpit lockers and windows of competing yachts more watertight, as well as the use of liferafts and harnesses. Stability and hull design were also under review.

schonner was the dream of Ned Ackerman, 36, who had envisioned the Leavitt as a way to beat the energy crunch by recreating the age of sail.

The Leavitt messaged distress calls late Thursday morning saying it was taking on water and two helicopters and one plane left the the Air National Guard Base at Westhampton Beach, said Maj. Richard Weissbard, a spokesman for the Air National Guard.

Those aboard the Leavitt were evacuated to life rafts and hoisted into helicopters. It was not immediately known if any of those aboard had been injured.

After three years of work, the Leavitt was launched with great fanfare from Thomaston, Maine, in August.

Ackerman, a former medieval scholar and former English instructor at Merrimack College in North Andover, Massachusetts, named the vessel after maritime scholar John F. Leavitt.

Ackerman's optimism was portrayed by the figurehead on the Leavitt's bow — a grinning fox with a large feather protruding from its mouth.

Modeled after 19th century prototypes, the red-and-white-hulled Leavitt was powered by wind pressing against its 6,440 square feet of canvas sail rigged fore and aft atop 80-foot masts. With no engines aboard, its only fuel requirement was a small amount of diesel oil needed for its pumps, generators and hydraulic cargo hoists.

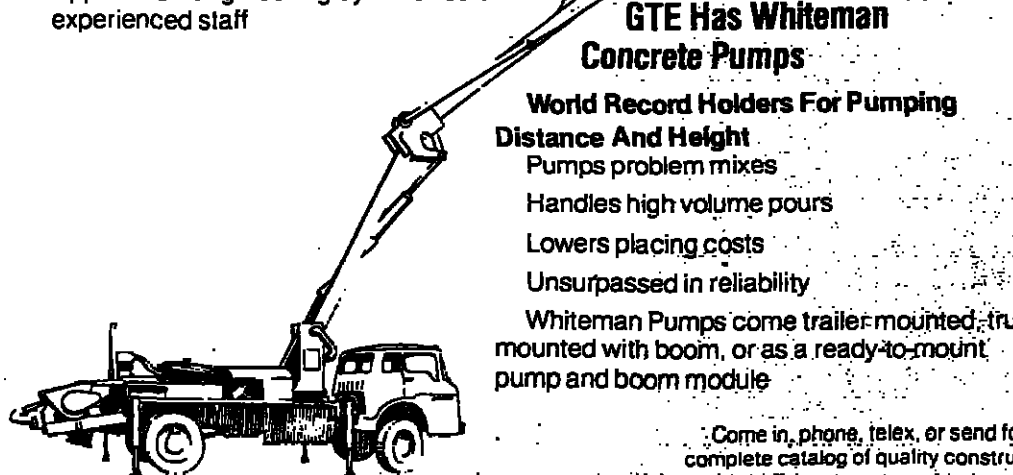
Estimates of the cost of building the vessel started at \$300,000, but Ackerman never disclosed an exact figure.

The Leavitt's cargo capacity was 150 tons, the equivalent of five semi-trailer truckloads.

The crew aboard the vessel was reportedly preparing a documentary on the revival of sailing schooners.

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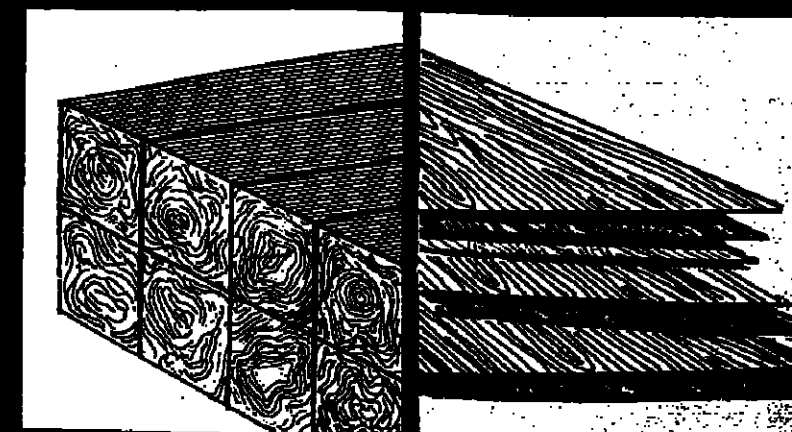
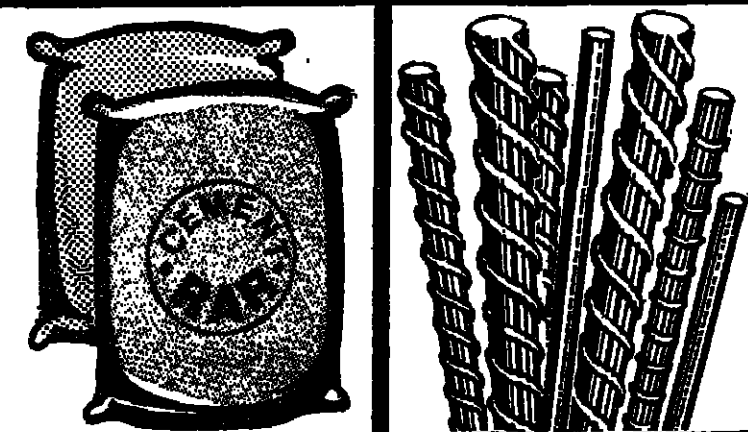


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